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## **TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1976**

### **ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John E. Holston	Term expires March, 1977
Allan H. Hawk	Term expires March, 1978
Edward G. Billiel	Term expires March, 1979

#### **MODERATOR**

Delbert A. Witty	Term expires March, 1977
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#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Clarence E. Goodnow	Term expires March, 1977
Durward E. Cornwell	Term expires March, 1978
Richard R. Hall	Term expires March, 1979

#### **TOWN CLERK**

Ruth B. Smith	Term expires March, 1978
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#### **TOWN TREASURER**

Sandra M. Johnson	Term expires March, 1979
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#### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Sandra M. Johnson	Term expires March, 1979
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#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Andrew C. Mitchell, M.D.	Resigned
Evelyn E. Kenney	Term expires March, 1978
Madeline Donelan	Term expires March, 1979

#### **CONSTABLES**

Alfred L. Baker	Term expires March, 1977
John T. O'Lari	Term expires March, 1977
Kenneth E. Smith	Term expires March, 1977

## TREE WARDEN

Clifford P. Welcome	Term expires March, 1979
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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Gayle A. Pinkowski	Term expires March, 1977
Lloyd C. Green	Term expires March, 1977
Leona K. Cloutier	Term expires March, 1978
Clyde L. Robbins	Term expires March, 1978
Arthur W. Shaw	Term expires March, 1979
Rodney W. Bixby	Term expires March, 1979

## REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frances A. Miller	Term expires March, 1977
Lillian Dennis	Term expires March, 1977
Phyllis A. Drew	Term expires March, 1978
Richard C. Swan	Term expires March, 1978
Clifford J. Fournier	Term expires March, 1979
Robert J. Fisher	Term expires March, 1979

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dorothy E. Burt	Term expires March, 1977
Robert P. Collen	Term expires March, 1977
L. Doris Olson	Term expires March, 1978
Glenys M. Harris	Term expires March, 1978
Erle C. Witty	Term expires March, 1979
Victor H. Coleman	Term expires March, 1979

## MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES

Willard M. Chase	Term expires March, 1977
Harold E. Stone	Term expires March, 1978
Ethel A. Verheyen	Term expires March, 1978
Allyn W. A. Wright	Term expires March, 1979
Donald G. Olson	Term expires March, 1979

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

Clifton W. Peirce	Term expires March, 1977
Donald W. Priestley	Term expires March, 1978
Miles W. Spooner	Term expires March, 1979

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

William R. Priestley	Term expires March, 1977
John W. Blackmer	Term expires March, 1978
Leslie J. Laughton	Term expires March, 1979

## ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lottie M. Bergeron	Term expires March, 1978
Robert L. Howes	Term expires March, 1979
William K. Babel	Term expires March, 1980
Illene M. Estey	Term expires March, 1981
Marilyn J. Spooner (Governor's appointee)	Term expires May 22, 1981

## APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

### PLANNING BOARD

Fred Heyes	Term expires March, 1977
Carol Cloukey	Term expires March, 1977
Roger Tolman	Term expires March, 1978
Gene DeJackome	Term expires March, 1978

### ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

William H. Leaders	Term expires March, 1977
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### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND BUILDING CODE OF APPEALS

Gildo Simeone	Term expires March, 1977
Joan Robbins	Term expires March, 1978
Albert Plante	Term expires March, 1979
Earl Drew Sr.	Term expires March, 1980
Raymond Blood	Term expires March, 1981
Kenneth Songer, Associate Member	Term expires March, 1979
David Fleming, Associate Member	Term expires March, 1977
Robert Flanders, Associate Member	Term expires March, 1978

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Arthur Bickford	Term expires March, 1977
Raymond W. Deyo	Term expires March, 1977
Glenn Belloli	Term expires March, 1978
Richard T. Hamel	Term expires March, 1978

(Finance Committee continued)

Robert Allen	Term expires March, 1979
Ronald V. Tellier	Term expires March, 1979
Arthur Reppas	Term expires March, 1979

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mearle W. Fleming	Term expires March, 1977
John E. Roche, Jr.	Term expires March, 1978
Edward T. O'Connell	Term expires March, 1979

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Lloyd A. Taylor	Term expires March, 1977
J. Arthur MacKnight	Term expires March, 1977
Frederick A. Mock	Term expires March, 1978
Norman G. Sixt, Sr.	Term expires March, 1979
Luther Horton	Term expires March, 1979

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edgar T. Hume	Term expires March, 1977
Daniel Shaw	Term expires March, 1977
Earl R. Drew, Jr.	Term expires March, 1977
Stanley Cleveland (Resigned 1-1-77)	Term expires March, 1978
Henry D. Wood	Term expires March, 1978
Jane Mehr	Term expires March, 1979
Clifton Peirce	Term expires March, 1979

PERSONNEL BOARD

John E. Holston  
Arthur W. Bickford  
Frank T. Waters  
Ronald V. Tellier  
Kenneth E. Smith

TOWN COUNSEL

Delbert A. Witty

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ruth B. Smith

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edward P. O'Lari

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Lloyd Rowe, Jr.

DISTRICT DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Lloyd A. Taylor

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Edward P. O'Lari

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

Thomas G. Reynolds

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Donald Priestley

Francis Smith

C. David Gale

Maurice Johnson

CHIEF OF POLICE

James B. Patrick

PERMANENT FULL TIME OFFICERS

Carlton W. Spear

Robert D. Fiske

Donald Dennis

Barry Hodge

John W. Rowe

SPECIAL POLICE

Donald Priestley

Joseph Luce

Primo Martinelli

Ellsworth Cota

Earl H. Williams

Howard Ezro—Gun Club Grounds

Kenneth Gleason—Gun Club Grounds

Albert Thompson, Sr.—Gun Club Grounds

KEEPER OF THE LOCK-UP

James B. Patrick

DOG OFFICER

Helen L. Marble

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

True B. Rice

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Raymond J. Rivers

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Stanley W. Cleveland

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

T. Karl Forest

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Nan R. Hunt

HEALTH OFFICER

Edgar T. Hume

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Michael Porcari

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Rodney E. King

VETERANS' AGENT, VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER  
AND BURIAL AGENT

Arnold W. Bergeron

## ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Charles L. Barnes

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Clifford Keddy

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Bruce Jones  
Robert Haigh  
Joseph Hawkins  
Regina Canning  
Margaret Akey  
G. Armand Morin

## COUNCIL ON AGING

George Lauriat	Term expires March, 1977
Katherine Lastumbo	Term expires March, 1977
Mary Lawson	Term expires March, 1977
Ruth Songer	Term expires March, 1978
Isadore Lundgren	Term expires March, 1978
Stewart Marshall	Term expires March, 1978
Samuel Lastumbo	Term expires March, 1979
Allyn W. A. Wright	Term expires March, 1979

Associate Members: Donald B. Woodward  
Martha Woodward  
Eudora Waters

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen organized after election with John E. Holston as Chairman, Allan H. Hawk, Clerk and Edward G. Billiel as third member.

The Sewage Treatment Plant is structurally complete, but because of extended deliveries on some key equipment the plant is not yet operable. An operator has been hired and we anticipate an early spring start-up of the plant.

The Band Stand Committee did an excellent job in coordinating the design and construction of the new band stand at the Town Park.

The Bicentennial Committee did an outstanding job in planning and executing the Bicentennial celebrations in Orange as well as the construction of the Bicentennial Park off Holtshire Road.

The Band Stand and the Bicentennial Park will serve as lasting evidence of the town's participation in the Bicentennial year.

Plans for renovating the Orange Armory with our \$60,000 Block Grant funds are near completion, and renovation will be starting in the very near future.

We applied for and received a HUD Grant for \$99,600 for rehabilitation of the East Main Street sewer line. We are currently gathering information on how best to utilize these funds.

We continue to work with the Orange-Athol Industrial Commission in their efforts to attract new business to our area.

The Board of Selectmen appreciates the efforts of the appointed committees and Boards, and has experienced great cooperation from the elected town officials. With positive and cooperative attitudes such as this, the future needs of Orange will be well served.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Holston  
Allan H. Hawk  
Edward G. Billiel

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## **REPORT OF THE ORANGE-ATHOL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We herewith submit the annual report of the activities of the Industrial District for the year 1976.

The District received a letter from Terry Gammon, Director of Real Estate for Striderite thanking the District for all their help during the past two years. He stated that our willingness and cooperation of meeting with prospective buyers on short notice and showing the building had enabled them to sell the Orange Shoe building to Peter Gerry of Athol. We also received a letter from Peter Gerry informing us that the building was going to remain an industrial site and that if we had any inquiries for leasing, storage, rental or sale for industrial space that he would appreciate it if we referred any inquiries for leasing, storage, rental or sale of industrial space.

The closing of the Industrial Revenue Bond for the Orange Foundry in the amount of \$150,000 took place on June 29, 1976 at the Franklin County Trust. The foundry plans to use this money for expansion. They have built a new addition.

Jo-Air, a fixed base operator signed a three-year lease with P.I. to run until P.I.'s lease runs out, which is in 1979. Jo-Air had come to the District in hopes of buying a couple of acres in the Airpark, but we still hadn't received the approval of the Federal Aeronautics Agency. We hope to resolve this problem within the next few months.

We tried to locate 3-4 acres of level land for the Erving Paper Mill for a truck terminal, but they decided to use a parcel that they owned.

We tried to help Al Dirth of Hayden Lumber to sell the parcel on Logan Ave., Orange to a prospect from Washington, D.C. who was interested in purchasing Smith Window and Pane Co. on Spring St., in Athol, but they were unable to qualify financially.

Mr. Freedman is still interested in building at the Airpark and we have had several other requests in regards to building at the Airpark and as soon as we clear this with the FAA the land will be available for sale.

(Report of the Orange-Athol Industrial Development District continued)

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. MOORE  
Co-Vice Chairman

FRANCIS P. FARLEY  
Co-Vice Chairman

HERBERT L. AARON  
Secretary

KERMIT W. COOK  
Treasurer

JOEPH S. BALDYGA  
JAMES F. DONELAN  
EARL R. DREW  
EDWARD F. HALEY  
RAYMOND H. GOLAND  
GEORGE R. GIRARDI  
HOWARD W. GRIMES

BENJAMIN J. FELDMAN  
GEORGE R. LAURIAT, JR.  
L. GEORGE LAVIN  
EDWARD P. MORRIS  
J. ALLAN TEPPER  
ERLE C. WITTY

## REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The Orange Bicentennial Commission started in 1974 with John W. Smith as chairman. Through his efforts, the town was named a Bicentennial Town. In January, 1975, Allan R. Baldwin succeeded John as chairman. One of the first goals of the commission was to be self-supporting if possible, and this was realized. One hundred dollars was voted at town meeting to get us started and, fortunately, we did not have to come back to the taxpayers again. One of the first moneyraising projects was a button contest in the seventh and eight grades. Kathy Fisher designed the winning button and these were produced and sold to the townspeople. This contest was run by Carmel Hastings and Sandra Beaudoin.

A Bicentennial Park was planned at the pumping station area off Holtshire Road. The Orange Kiwanis Club generously voted the Commission \$5,000 for this project. A matching \$5,000 grant was applied for to the State. Our first effort failed. We applied again and with the assistance of James Donelan, we were granted the second application. Kenneth E. Smith took the job as chairman of this committee and a beautiful area with nature trails and picnic areas has been developed. Some finishing work will be done in the spring of 1977.

A beautiful Betsy Ross flag afghan, made by Lona B. Howe, President of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the commission, was donated and raffled off to raise money for the projects. This was very successful.

The social success of the season was the Bicentennial Ball held at the Armory on Saturday, October 11, 1976. Roger W. Mallet was chairman of this event and was assisted by members of the Pioneer Junior Women's Club; notably, Joanne Fisher and Melissa Dexter. The Leavitt Machine Company provided a beautiful souvenir program.

John W. Smith chaired the committee to provide a central flag pole in each cemetery. The money for the outlying cemeteries was provided by local organizations: North Orange Grange, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club. The John W. Smith family donated the fifth flag in memory of their son, Edwin. Money for the larger vandal-proof poles in Central and South Cemeteries was provided by the Alice Mann Fund and matching funds from the State Bicentennial Commission.

The New England Nurserymen's Association provided a shade tree

(Report of the Bicentennial Commission continued)

through Beulah Land Nurseries, and this was planted on the grounds of Butterfield School.

Roy Blackmer designed an Historical marker and did all the work on this project of identifying the North Orange Community Church as the first meeting house in the Town of Orange.

The World-Wide organization "Up With People" was signed up for four shows on June 8 and 9, 1976. Roger Mallet and Allan Baldwin co-chaired this event. Rodney Hunt Co., Erving Paper Mills, Orange Savings Bank, Franklin County Trust Company, and Greenfield Cooperative Bank along with the above mentioned Leavitt Machine Company provided money for the free shows for the school children. David Bramhall and Bob Ellison were of great help during this event. It was very popular and a great success with the townspeople.

The Commission entered a float in the July 4th parade in Athol and won the L. S. Starrett Trophy for the most unique float. Decorating the float were Kenneth and Ruth Smith, Allan Baldwin, Beth and Tom Stone, Wilfred Hall, and Earl Drew. Riding on the float were Kenneth Smith and Anna Roach, Holly Green and Tracy Green.

A parade and events at the airport was the final event planned for 1976. Robert Fisher was chairman of the parade and it was enjoyed by several thousand people. Displays, flea markets, and a fly-over by four F-100's from the 104th Tactical Fighter Group Air National Guard proved interesting to all. Olga LaMonte of JO-Air was of great help with displays of aircraft and glider rides.

One more project will be carried out in 1977. The area around the old town pound on Wheeler Avenue will be cleared and an historical marker will be erected there.

Allan R. Baldwin, Chairman  
John W. Smith, Vice Chairman  
Althea Bramhall, Secretary  
Robert Ingham, Treasurer  
Roger W. Mallet  
David Bramhall  
John W. Smith, Jr.  
Melissa Dexter  
Mable Glasson

Armand Morin  
Roy Blackmer  
Gladys Songer  
Mary Anne Yuconis  
Anne Pedrazzi  
Kenneth E. Smith  
Lona Howe  
Thomas Stone

To all other townspeople who helped us achieve these goals, a heartfelt thank-you is offered.

## ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In 1976 the Orange Housing Authority continued to manage fifty-six units of elderly housing at Colonial Acres. Two single women, one married couple, and one mother-daughter combination were housed during the year. Improvements were made at Colonial Acres by having the parking lot paved, and repainting all of the doors. The Orange Senior Citizens donated six willow trees for the back lot.

The Housing Authority also continued to administer thirty-six units of Rental Assistance, thirty-four at Pine Crest and two in private apartments. Three vacancies were filled in 1976.

Thirty-four applications for low income housing were received. Other potential applicants were discouraged by the long waiting lists. An applicant can now expect to wait two years for subsidized housing. No funds were available from the state to alleviate this problem.

The Orange Housing Authority approved the purchase and renovation of a house at 66 West River Street by the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority.

New state regulations regarding public housing were implemented this year.

Respectfully submitted,

William Babel  
CHAIRMAN

Robert Howes  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Lottie Bergeron  
SECRETARY

Illene Estey  
TREASURER

Marilyn Spooner  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

HELD MARCH 1, 1976

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, held in the Town Hall on Monday, March 1, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. it was voted as follows:

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m.      Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total number of votes cast	Seven Hundred Fifty-six	756
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#### MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

Delbert A. Witty	Six Hundred	600
Blanks	One Hundred Forty-five	145
Scattering	Eleven	11
		756

#### SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

Edward G. Billiel	Five Hundred Two	502
Anne Reuben	Two Hundred Forty-eight	248
Blanks	Six	6
		756

#### ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Richard R. Hall	Six Hundred Sixty-one	661
Blanks	Ninety-one	91
		756

#### TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

Sandra M. Johnson	Six Hundred Sixty-five	665
Blanks	Ninety-one	91
		756

#### TAX COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS

Sandra M. Johnson	Six Hundred Sixty-five	665
Blanks	Ninety-one	91
		756

#### TREE WARDEN FOR THREE YEARS

Clifford P. Welcome	Six Hundred Seventy	670
Blanks	Eighty-six	86
		756

#### BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Madeline Donelan	Six Hundred Thirty-three	633
Blanks	One Hundred Twenty-three	123
		756

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS			
Arthur W. Shaw	Six Hundred Six	606	
Rodney W. Bixby	Five Hundred Eighty-seven	587	
			1512
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS			
Robert J. Fisher	Six Hundred Eight	608	
Clifford J. Fournier	Six Hundred Eleven	611	
Blanks	Two Hundred Ninety-three	293	
			1512
LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS			
Victor H. Coleman	Six Hundred Sixty-six	666	
Erle C. Witty	Six Hundred Sixty-one	661	
Blanks	One Hundred Eighty-five	185	
			1512
MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS			
Donald G. Olson	Six Hundred Fifty-eight	658	
Allyn W. A. Wright	Six Hundred Forty-eight	648	
Blanks	Two Hundred Six	206	
			1512
WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THREE YEARS			
Miles W. Spooner	Six Hundred Fifty-two	652	
Blanks	One Hundred Four	104	
			756
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS			
Leslie J. Laughton	Six Hundred Sixty-two	662	
Blanks	Ninety-four	94	
			756
HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEARS			
Illene M. Estey	Six Hundred Fifty-eight	658	
Blanks	Ninety-eight	98	
			756

A true copy of the record of ballots cast.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

HELD MARCH 2, 1976

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2, 1976 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., it was voted as follows:

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m.      Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total number of votes cast      Five Hundred Fifty-four      554

Republican	Two Hundred Six	206
Democratic	Three Hundred Forty-seven	347
American	One	1

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#### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Ronald W. Reagan	Sixty-seven	67
Gerald R. Ford	One Hundred Thirty	130
No Preference	Six	6
Jim Carter	One	1
George Wallace	One	1
Blanks	One	1

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#### STATE COMMITTEE      Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District

Eugene W. LaFond	Sixty-three	63
Albert R. Cook III	Ninety	90
Thomas E. Madigan	Twenty-one	21
Blanks	Thirty-two	32

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#### STATE COMMITTEE      Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District

J. Beba Roberts	One Hundred Five	105
Barbara M. Putnam	Sixty-seven	67
Blanks	Thirty-four	34

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#### TOWN COMMITTEE

Norman F. Batchelor	One Hundred Eighty	180
Carolyn M. Batchelor	One Hundred Sixty-six	166
Vera M. Richards	One Hundred Sixty	160
Gertrude Marshall	One Hundred Fifty-seven	157
Durward E. Cornwell	One Hundred Sixty-nine	169
Richard R. Hall	One Hundred Sixty-three	163
Roger H. Tolman	One Hundred Sixty-nine	169
Pauline E. Tolman	One Hundred Sixty-two	162
Willard M. Chase	One Hundred Sixty-four	164
Jeanette Moore	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Freeland J. Perkins	One Hundred Fifty-eight	158
Delbert A. Witty	One Hundred Sixty-two	162
Hannah H. Atkinson	One Hundred Fifty-seven	157
Kenneth R. Burrill	One Hundred Seventy-four	174
John S. Raymond	One Hundred Sixty-seven	167
Charlott H. Prouty	One Hundred Sixty-two	162

Dana H. Prouty	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159	
Ruth E. Cornwell	One Hundred Sixty-three	163	
Erle C. Witty	One Hundred Seventy-six	176	
Allan R. Baldwin	One Hundred Sixty	160	
James A. MacKnight	One Hundred Sixty-two	162	
Sheila Allen	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159	
Linda M. Whitehouse	One Hundred Fifty-six	156	
Malcolm K. Hall	One Hundred Sixty-six	166	
C. Ragnar Anderson	One Hundred Sixty-one	161	
Roger W. Moore	One Hundred Sixty-six	166	
Dawna A. Atherton	One Hundred Fifty-six	156	
Blanks	Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-seven	2797	7210
DEMOCRATIC VOTE	Three Hundred Forty-seven	347	
Robert L. Kelleher	Zero	0	
George C. Wallace	Sixty	60	
Ellen McCormack	Twenty-one	21	
Terry Sanford	Zero	0	
Lloyd Bentsen	Zero	0	
Fred R. Harris	Forty-six	46	
Milton J. Shapp	Fourteen	14	
Birch Bayh	Twenty-four	24	
Jimmy Carter	Seventy-two	72	
R. Sargent Shriver	Five	5	
Henry M. Jackson	Forty-one	41	
Morris K. Udall	Forty-eight	48	
No preference	Three	3	
Edward Kennedy	Two	2	
Gerald Ford	One	1	
Hubert Humphrey	Seven	7	
Ronald Reagan	One	1	
Blanks	Two	2	347
STATE COMMITTEE	Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District		
Stanley J. Nurek	One Hundred Seventy	170	
Robert P. Abbott	Eighty-nine	89	
Blanks	Eighty-eight	88	347
STATE COMMITTEE	Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District		
Miriam A. McCourt	Two Hundred Forty-four	244	
Blanks	One Hundred Three	103	347

# TOWN COMMITTEE

James F. Donelan	Two Hundred Fifty-one	251	
Charles W. Harris	Two Hundred Seventy	270	
Paul R. Robichaud	Two Hundred Sixty-one	261	
Anthony J. Sironaitis	Two Hundred Thirty-three	233	
Doris H. Bittenbender	Two Hundred Thirty-four	234	
Terry J. Sinclair	Two Hundred Thirty-five	235	
Anne Reuben	Two Hundred Thirty-six	236	
Joseph Spadafora Jr.	Two Hundred Seventy-nine	279	
Joyce S. Sawyer	Two Hundred Twenty-six	226	
Ernest M. Clark	Two Hundred Twenty-seven	227	
John W. Wheeler	Two Hundred Thirty-two	232	
Julius K. Truckey	Two Hundred Thirty-four	234	
John W. Connors	Two Hundred Thirty-three	233	
Blanks	One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty	1360	
			4511
AMERICAN PARTY	One	1	1
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Fred R. Harris	One	1	1
STATE COMMITTEE	Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District		
Stanley J. Nurek	One	1	1
STATE COMMITTEE	Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District		
Miriam A. McCourt	One	1	1
TOWN COMMITTEE			
Doris Bittenbender	One	1	
Anne Reuben	One	1	
Joyce S. Sawyer	One	1	
Terry J. Sinclair	One	1	
James F. Donelan	One	1	
Julius K. Truckey	One	1	
Ernest M. Clark	One	1	
Charles W. Harris	One	1	
Anthony J. Sironaitis	One	1	
Joseph Spadafora	One	1	

A true record of the ballots cast.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. March 15, 1976.

Motion made and voted that action on the Annual Town Meeting Articles be deferred until after completion of the Special Town Meeting.

## RECORD OF VOTES AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 15, 1976

### Article 1 Voted:

That the town adopt the following by-law amendment:

"No person shall operate a boat on Lake Mattaw which is powered by an internal combustion engine exceeding ten horse power."

Vote count:	In favor	184
	Opposed	103

### Article 2 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$5,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to extend the sewer a distance of 600 feet on McCarthy Lane.

### Article 3 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Personnel Board Expense.

### Article 4 Voted:

That the town sell or trade one 1965 Cab and Chassis and appropriate \$20,500.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to purchase one new 1976 Cab and Chassis for the Rubbish Collection Department.

### Article 5 Voted:

That the town sell or trade one 1969 Cab and Chassis, and appropriate \$10,000.00 to purchase one new 1976 Cab and Chassis for the Highway Department, and to meet said appropriation that \$8,800.00 be transferred from Machinery Earnings Reserve Account and \$1,200.00 be appropriated from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

### Article 6 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$31,093.00 received under Chapter 825, Section 1, for highway improvements, and general maintenance of various roads and streets.

### Article 7 Voted:

That the town appropriate the following sums of money from Overlay Reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976:

Machinery Repair and Operation	\$ 4,000.00
Veterans Benefits	30,000.00
Interest	10,000.00
Group Insurance	8,000.00
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	\$52,000.00

#### Article 8 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,745.48 from Water Surplus Revenue to pay for engineering services in connection with meetings with Board of Water Commissioners, property owners and Town Counsel relative to proposed well site east of Daniel Shays Highway; including survey of property lines at the well site and miscellaneous engineering advice on the water supply and distribution system.

#### Article 9 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$600.00 from Overlay Reserve for the removal of nine dead and dangerous elm trees.

#### Article 10 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,500.00 from Overlay Reserve to subsidize hot lunches and other services to senior citizens.

#### Article 11 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$2,500.00 from Overlay Reserve for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation to June 30, 1976.

### RECAPITULATION

#### ARTICLES FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Article 2 — McCarthy Lane Sewer Extension	\$ 5,000.00	
Article 3 — Personnel Board Expense	1,000.00	
Article 4 — Rubbish Collection Truck	20,500.00	
Article 5 — Highway Truck	1,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$27,700.00

#### ARTICLES TO TRANSFERS

Article 5 — Rd. Mch. Earnings Reserve to Hwy. Truck	8,800.00	
Article 6 — Chapter 825 for highway work	31,093.00	
	<hr/>	\$39,893.00

#### ARTICLES FROM OVERLAY RESERVE

Article 7 — Machinery Repair and Operation	\$ 4,000.00	
Veteran's Benefits	30,000.00	
Interest	10,000.00	
Group Insurance	8,000.00	
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	\$52,000.00	
Article 9 — Elm Tree Removal	600.00	
Article 10 — Hot Lunch Program Senior Citizens	2,500.00	
Article 11 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation	2,500.00	
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		\$57,600.00

#### ARTICLES FROM WATER SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 8 — Engineering services Water Dept.     \$ 2,745.48

Special town meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A true copy of the records of the proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

#### RECORD OF VOTES AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 15, 1976

##### Article 2 Voted:

That the Annual Town Report be accepted as printed.

##### Article 3 Voted:

That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

##### Article 4 Voted:

That R. Arthur Lundgren be chosen Director for County Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, Section 4 of the General Laws.

##### Article 5 Voted:

That the money received from the County known as the "Dog Fund"

be transferred to the Library Department.

Article 6 Voted:

That the Tree Warden draw from the appropriation for his department the sum of \$25.00 as salary and the further sum of \$3.00 per hour for all the time that he shall expend in actual labor in connection with his department.

Article 7 Voted:

That the town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell or dispose of the property acquired by the town through Treasurer's Deeds or tax titles foreclosed by Commissioner's Affidavit of Land of Low Value, or by foreclosure through the Land Court.

Article 8 Voted:

That the town fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, to be made effective from July 1, 1976, as contained in the budget.

Article 9 Voted:

That the town appropriate the following sums of money to meet the town's expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officer's Bonds	\$ 700.00
Selectmen's Salaries	2,850.00
Selectmen's Expense	3,000.00
General Office Salaries	6,200.00
General Office Expense	4,500.00
Town Accountant's Salary	8,640.00
Town Accountant's Expense	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	3,993.00
Treasurer's Expense	2,336.00
Foreclosure Expense	1,000.00
Town & Tax Collector's Salary	6,292.00
Tax Collector's Expense	4,341.00
Assessors' Salaries	3,200.00
Assessors' Expense	2,800.00
Town Clerk's Salary	4,100.00
Town Clerk's Expense	600.00
Election and Registration	4,115.00
Town Counsel	1,000.00
Finance Committee Expense	700.00
Orange-Athol Industrial Dev. District	3,040.00

Planning Board Expense	500.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	13,500.00	
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		\$77,657.00

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	\$124,000.00	
Police Dept. Expense	7,910.00	
Police Dept. Uniforms	2,250.00	
Police Car Maintenance	8,875.00	
Ambulance	7,225.00	
Fire Department Salaries and Wages	55,213.00	
Fire Department Expense	9,500.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,885.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	450.00	
Insect Pest Control	500.00	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	4,500.00	
Tree Warden	3,500.00	
Forest Fire Department	2,750.00	
Electrical Inspector	600.00	
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		\$229,158.00

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 300.00	
Board of Health Expense	6,000.00	
Rubbish Collection and Care of Dump	33,871.00	
Inspector of Animals	175.00	
Sewer Department	3,300.00	
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		\$43,646.00

#### HIGHWAYS:

Municipal Building	\$ 4,975.00	
Snow and Ice	39,000.00	
Machinery Repair and Operation	35,658.00	
Chapter 81	8,000.00	
Road Maintenance	10,000.00	
Highway Department	38,000.00	
Flood Control	800.00	
Street Lights	15,680.00	
Public Drinking Fountain	50.00	
Fence Viewers	50.00	
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		\$152,213.00

#### VETERANS SERVICES:

Veterans Services District Adm.	\$ 8,595.00	
Veterans' Benefits	71,000.00	
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		\$79,595.00

School Dept. — Administration	\$ 39,525.00
School Dept. — Instruction	602,741.00
School Dept. — Operation	120,963.00
School Dept. — Auxiliary Agencies	110,880.00
School Dept. — New Equipment	5,500.00
	<hr/> \$879,609.00

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT	30,835.00
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Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 6,110.00
Recreation Commission Expense	100.00
Playground and Recreation Program	2,000.00
Life Guard and Swimming Instruction	1,100.00
Memorial Hall Maintenance	3,425.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Town Reports	2,500.00
Band Concerts	1,200.00
Fish and Game Distribution	600.00
Conservation Commission Expense	250.00
Fire Insurance Town Buildings	8,500.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	9,500.00
Municipal Employee's Group Insurance	50,000.00
Reserve Fund	15,000.00
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	\$100,635.00

Airport Administration Expense	\$ 1,125.00
Airport Building & Equipment Maint.	3,130.00
Airport Maintenance	5,000.00
Water Commissioners Salaries	450.00
Water Department Wages	49,000.00
Water Department Expense	22,500.00
Water Department Equipment	15,000.00
Cemetery Commissioners Salaries	225.00
Cemetery Department	18,440.00
	<u>\$114,870.00</u>

INTEREST AND DEBT:

Interest	\$ 21,607.00	
Dexter Park School Addition Loan	25,000.00	
Sewage Disposal Facilities Plans Loan	20,000.00	
Fiscal Cycle Loan Acts 1973	20,000.00	
Butterfield School Renovation Loan	13,950.00	
		<u>\$100,557.00</u>

Total appropriated under Article 9	\$2,886,014.31
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Voted: That the following items and amounts of the budget are to be provided from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds:

Police Department Expense	\$ 7,910.00
Police Department Uniforms	2,250.00
Police Car Maintenance	8,875.00
Fire Department Expense	9,500.00
Street Lights	15,680.00
Life Guard and Swimming Instruction	1,100.00
Playground and Recreation Program	2,000.00
Band Concerts	<u>1,200.00</u>

Total from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	\$48,515.00
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Voted: That the Reserve Fund be transferred from Overlay Reserve.	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
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Balance to be raised	\$2,822,499.31
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Article 10 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$46,650.00 for Vocational Education.	\$46,650.00
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Article 11 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$5,000.00 for Building Inspection.	\$5,000.00
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Article 12 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$132,700.00 for operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.	\$132,700.00
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Article 13 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$10,000.00 for maintenance of the Orange Armory.	\$10,000.00
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Article 14 Voted:

That the town \$2,289.00 received under Chapter 672, Acts of 1962, to the Library Department. \$2,289.00

Article 15 Voted:

That the town adopt the Proposed Personnel By-Law, dated February 18, 1976, as posted with warrant dated February 18, 1976, and on file with the Town Clerk.

Vote was unanimous.

Article 16 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$7,100.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to provide corrective drainage on various town streets. \$7,100.00

Article 17 — Passed Over (re new ambulance)

Article 18 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to fabricate a new tank for the brush fire truck. \$1,000.00

Article 19 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,650.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the purchase of 1,000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose. \$1,650.00

Article 20 Voted:

That the town sell or trade one ¾ ton pick-up truck and appropriate \$5,500.00 from Water Surplus Revenue to purchase one ½ ton pick-up with four wheel drive. \$5,500.00

Article 21 Voted:

That the town accept the pipe line from the intersection of South Main Street and West River Street to the Orange Foundry and Erving Paper Mills, excluding all hydrants, at no cost to the town.

Article 22 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$6,000.00 to extend the water main from its present terminus on East Road a distance of 700 feet to 40 East Road. \$6,000.00

Article 23 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$6,000.00 to extend the water main from its present terminus on North Main Street approximately 550 feet to 430 North Main Street. \$6,000.00

Article 24 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$97.00 to pay for use of parking space off Prospect Street. \$97.00

Article 25 Voted:

That the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of constructing a new bandstand on or near the site of the previous bandstand in the town park and empower the committee to invite bids from local contractors to build the bandstand to the specifications suggested by the committee; funds for the construction to be drawn from the Alice Mann Fund Income account.

Article 26 Voted:

Ruled not a legal article.

Article 27 — Passed over. (Re By-law restricting all motor boats)

Article 28 Voted:

That the town instruct the Assessors to use \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 798, Acts of 1961. \$100,000.00

### RECAPITULATION

#### ARTICLES TO BE APPROPRIATED

Article 9 Budget	\$2,822,499.31
Article 10 Vocational Education	46,650.00
Article 11 Building Inspection	5,000.00
Article 12 Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Operation	132,700.00
Article 13 Armory Maintenance	10,000.00
Article 22 East Road Water Extension	6,000.00
Article 23 North Main St. Water Extension	6,000.00
Article 24 Parking Lot	97.00
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Total to be raised	\$3,028,946.31

#### ARTICLES FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Article 9 Budget Items	\$ 48,515.00
Article 16 Corrective Drainage	7,100.00
Article 18 Brush Fire Truck Tank	1,000.00
Article 19 Fire Hose	1,650.00
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Total from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 58,265.00

## ARTICLES FROM WATER SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 20 Water Dept. Truck \$ 5,500.00

## ARTICLES TO TRANSFER

Article 9 Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund \$ 15,000.00

Article 5 Dog Fund to Library Dept.

Article 14 Chapter 672 to Library Dept. 2,289.00  
\$ 17,289.00

## ARTICLES TO COME FROM SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 28 Reduct the Tax Rate \$ 100,000.00

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A true copy of the record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 21, 1976

### Article 1 Voted:

That the town accept the provisions of Chapter 147, Sections 13a and 13c Mass. General Laws relative to formation of a Reserve Police Force of seven members to be appointed from the Civil Service eligible list.

### Article 2 Voted:

That the town accept contributions and expend same toward cost of construction of Band Stand and storage area.

### Article 3 Voted:

That the town accept donations to the Arlene Warren Memorial Fund to be expended by the Library Trustees for large print books.

### Article 4 Voted:

That the town accept donations to the Edna Farrell Memorial Fund to be expended by the Library Trustees for Genealogical books.

Article 5 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$5,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to provide transportation for the elderly and handicapped.

Article 6 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$10,000.00 from Water Surplus to repair the dam at the north end of Lake Mattawa.

Article 7 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$1,500.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Fire Department Expense.

Article 8 Voted:

That the town appropriate the following sums of money from Overlay Reserve for the following accounts:

Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,000.00
Municipal Building	300.00
Ambulance	1,200.00
Veterans Benefits	6,000.00
Water Department Expense	4,000.00

Article 9 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$30,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purchase of a new Modulance type ambulance and necessary equipment.

Article 10 Voted — No (re rescinding motor boat restriction by-law)

Vote count 73 Yes  
160 No

Article 11 Voted:

That the town amend By-Law adopted under Article 1 of Special Town Meeting March 15, 1976 by adding the following provision: "Any person violating this by-law shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense."

Vote count 103 Yes  
41 No

RECAPITULATION

ARTICLES FROM SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 5 — Transportation for Elderly	\$ 5,000.00
Article 9 — New Modulance Ambulance	30,000.00
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	\$35,000.00

## ARTICLES FROM WATER SURPLUS REVENUE

Article 6 — Dam Repair Lake Mattawa	\$10,000.00
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## ARTICLES FROM OVERLAY RESERVE

Article 8 — Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
Municipal Building	300.00
Ambulance Maint.	1,200.00
Veterans Benefits	6,000.00
Water Department Expense	4,000.00
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	\$13,500.00

## ARTICLES FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Article 7 — Fire Department Expense	\$ 1,500.00
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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A true copy of the record of proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE STATE PRIMARY

HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 14, 1976 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. it was voted as follows:

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m.      Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total number of ballots cast	Six Hundred Four	604
Republican	Two Hundred Fifty-seven	257
Democratic	Three Hundred Forty-seven	347
		604

## REPUBLICAN VOTE — 257

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Michael S. Robertson	One Hundred Ninety-nine	199
Blanks	Fifty-eight	58
		257

### CONGRESSMAN—Second District

Thomas P. Swank	One Hundred Ninety	190
Blanks	Sixty-seven	67
		257

### COUNCILLOR—Seventh District

Blanks	Two Hundred Fifty-seven	257
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### SENATOR—Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District

Albert B. Cook III	Forty-eight	48
Janice U. Corser	One Hundred Seventy-three	173
Blanks	Thirty-six	36
		257

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Third Franklin District

Thomas G. Simons	Two Hundred Thirty-six	236
Blanks	Twenty-one	21
		257

### CLERK OF COURTS—Franklin County

John R. Moseley	Two Hundred Twenty-one	221
Blanks	Thirty-six	36
		257

### REGISTER OF NEEDS—Franklin District

Walter T. Kostanski, Jr.	Two Hundred Thirty-seven	237
Blanks	Twenty	20
		257

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Franklin County

Norman F. Batchelor	Two Hundred Forty	240
Margaret H. Herlihy	Eighty-nine	89
Edmund F. Smith	Sixty-seven	67
Blanks	One Hundred Eighteen	118
		514

## DEMOCRATIC VOTE — 347

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward M. Kennedy	Two Hundred Sixty-seven	267
Robert Emmet Dinsmore	Forty-six	46
Frederick C. Langone	Sixteen	16

Bernard P. Shannon	Eight	8	
Blanks	Ten	10	347
CONGRESSMAN—Second District			
Edward P. Boland	Two Hundred Seventy-two	272	
Blanks	Seventy-five	75	347
COUNCILLOR—Seventh District			
Leo J. Turo	Eighty-two	82	
Leslie L. Harvey	Forty-five	45	
Charles J. O'Connor, Jr.	One Hundred Fifty-sev	157	
Blanks	Thirty-three	63	347
SENATOR—Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District			
Blaise P. Berthiaume	Fifteen	15	
Ralph E. Hicks	Thirty-four	34	
James W. Mitchell	Four	4	
James L. St.Amand	One Hundred Forty	140	
Robert A. Toupin	Twenty-seven	27	
Robert D. Wetmore	One Hundred Twenty-two	122	
Blanks	Five	5	347
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Third Franklin District			
Blanks	Three Hundred Forty-seven		347
CLERK OF COURTS—Franklin County			
Thomas W. Merrigan	Two Hundred Seventy-six	276	
Blanks	Seventy-one	71	347
REGISTER OF DEEDS—Franklin District			
Blanks	Three Hundred Forty-seven		347
COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Franklin County			
John F. Bassett	Two Hundred Forty-four	244	
Richard E. Ouimette	One Hundred Eighty-two	182	
Blanks	Two Hundred Sixty-eight	268	694

A true record of the ballots cast.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## RECORD OF VOTES AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 18, 1976

### Article 1 Voted:

That the town appropriate \$988.25 from Overlay Reserve to pay bills of prior years for the Veterans Benefits Account.

Unanimous

### Article 2 Voted:

That the town amend the Zoning By-Law, Article II, Section 2400 to read: "Where a district boundary line divides any lot, the less restrictive requirements of either district shall apply."

Unanimous

### Article 3 Voted:

No (relative to Mahar School addition)

A true copy of the record of proceedings of the meeting.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE NATIONAL ELECTION

HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1976

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 2, 1976 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., it was voted as follows:

Polls opened at 8:00 a.m.      Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total number of ballots cast	Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight	2728
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### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Anderson and Shackelford	Ten	10
Camejo and Reid	Six	6
Carter and Mondale	One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-three	1273

Ford and Dole	One Thousand Three Hundred	
	Twenty-six	1326
LaRouche Jr. and Evans	Four	4
McCarthy and Stouffer	Sixty-one	61
Blanks	Forty-eight	48
		2728
SENATOR IN CONGRESS		
Edward M. Kennedy	One Thousand Six Hundred	
	Forty	1640
Michael S. Robertson	Nine Hundred Sixty-seven	967
Carol Hunderson Evans	Forty-three	43
H. Graham Lowry	Nine	9
Blanks	Sixty-nine	69
		2728
CONGRESSMAN—Second District		
Edward P. Boland	One Thousand Four Hundred	
	Seventy-two	1472
Thomas P. Swank	Nine Hundred Thirty-four	934
John D. McCarthy	One Hundred Forty-eight	148
Blanks	One Hundred Seventy-four	174
		2728
COUNCILLOR—Seventh District		
Leo J. Turo	One Thousand Nine Hundred	
	Sixty-five	1965
Blanks	Seven Hundred Sixty-three	763
		2728
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT		
Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire District		
Albert B. Cook III	One Thousand Seventy	1070
Robert D. Wetmore	One Thousand Five Hundred	
	Sixteen	1516
Blanks	One Hundred Forty-two	142
		2728
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—Third Franklin District		
Thomas G. Simons	Two Thousand Two Hundred	
	Fourteen	2214
Blanks	Five Hundred Fourteen	514
		2728
CLERK OF COURTS—Franklin County		
John R. Moseley	One Thousand Two Hundred	
	Fifty-six	1256
Thomas W. Merrigan	One Thousand Three Hundred	
	Fifteen	1315
Blanks	One Hundred Fifty-seven	157
		2728

# REGISTER OF DEEDS—Franklin District

Walter T. Kostanski, Jr.	Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen	2215
Blanks	Five Hundred Thirteen	513

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# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—Franklin County

John F. Bassett	One Thousand Three Hundred Six	1306
Margaret H. Herlihy	One Thousand Fifty-nine	1059
Richard E. Ouimette	Five Hundred Fifteen	515
Edmund F. Smith	Eight Hundred Twenty-four	824
Randy Kehler	Six Hundred Eighty-one	681
Blanks	One Thousand Seventy-one	1071

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# QUESTION No. 1 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Equal Rights)

Yes	One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-one	1681
No	Eight Hundred Eighty-three	883
Blanks	One Hundred Sixty-four	164

2728

# QUESTION No. 2 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Uniform Income Tax)

Yes	Six Hundred Seventy-nine	679
No	One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-five	1885
Blanks	One Hundred Sixty-four	164

2728

# QUESTION No. 3 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Absentee Voting)

Yes	One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-seven	1227
No	One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-six	1266
Blanks	Two Hundred Thirty-five	235

2728

# QUESTION No. 4 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution (Power Authority)

Yes	Two Hundred Ninety-one	291
No	Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-six	2256
Blanks	One Hundred Eighty-one	181

2728

QUESTION No. 5 — Law Proposed by Initiative Petition (hand guns)			
Yes	Three Hundred Nine	309	
No.	Two Thousand Two Hundred		
	Eighty-nine		2289
Blanks	One Hundred Thirty	130	
			2728
QUESTION No. 6 — Law Proposed by Initiative Petition (bottles)			
Yes	One Thousand Two Hundred		
	Ninety-one	1291	
No	One Thousand Three Hundred		
	Thirty-eight	1338	
Blanks	Ninety-nine	99	
			2728
QUESTION No. 7 — Law Proposed by Initiative Petition (uniform electric rates)			
Yes	Three Hundred Twenty-seven	327	
No	Two Thousand Three Hundred	2300	
Blanks	One Hundred One	101	
			2728
QUESTION No. 8 — Non Binding re oil refinery			
Yes	One Thousand Seven Hundred		
	Fifty-five	1755	
No	Seven Hundred Forty-seven	747	
Blanks	Two Hundred Twenty-six	226	
	2728		
QUESTION No. 9 Non Binding re Sunday business			
Yes	One Thousand Six Hundred		
	Eighty-four	1684	
No	Eight Hundred Sixty-nine	869	
Blanks	One Hundred Seventy-five	175	
	2728		
QUESTION No. 10 Pari-mutual system of betting			
Yes	One Thousand Six Hundred		
	Ninety-five	1695	
No	Seven Hundred Twenty-four	724	
Blanks	Three Hundred Nine	309	
			2728

A true record of the ballots cast.

Attest:

Ruth B. Smith, Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
January		
5	Steven Allen Talbot, Jr.	Steven A. & Norma J.
8	Zenna Grais Mullen	Robert J. & Sally J.
16	Neill Joseph LeBlanc	Arthur J. & Kathleen Jeanne
26	Benjamin John Herk	Richard H. & Mariann T.
27	Katherine Anne Henley	Joseph R. & Lesley J.
February		
4	Justin David Rich	Keith J. & Teresa D.
11	Amy Elizabeth Nelson	Richard J. & Edith E.
12	Sarah Madeline O'Lari	Russell D. & Margaret O.
13	Kevin Christopher Rivers	Steven C. & Sonja L.
15	Bryan Edwin Shaw	John E. & Sandra L.
15	Kelly Ann Archibald	James & Cheryl
16	Mary-Jo King	James A. & Barbara A.
21	Louis Roy Richards	Steven A. & Sandra A.
27	Jessica Marie Hutchinson	Ronald K. & April L.
March		
7	Erin Ross Kelly	Robert R. & Elaine
13	Jason Keith Hume	Keith W. & Margaret E.
20	Amy Lynn Maronie	Steven C. & Teresa E.
22	Jessica Marie Savage	Arthur F. & Rhea U.
23	Shane Michael Bessette	James A. & Mary-Ann R.
24	Jamie Morton Noel	Richard J. & Denise A.
26	William Joseph Wilkey	Richard D. & Christine M.
27	Mark William Desreuisseau, Jr.	Mark W. & Judy L.
28	Kevin Michael Latham	Bruce & Patricia M.
29	Joseph Michael Holden	Keith J. & Sandra L.
April		
9	Robert David Bergquist	Edward H. & Mary Anne H.
20	Brandi Nichole Ernst	Kenneth N. & Kay E.
27	Lynn Marie Rolande Tobin	Allen R. & Francine C.
May		
1	Donald Allen Acus	Donald E. & Diane L.
8	André Richard Laford	André R. & Bertha M.
14	Melissa Jean Terry	Bert A. & Cheryl D.

- 15 Meghan Ann Stone
- 17 Ernie A. Whaland
- 17 Terrence Lynn Shufelt, Jr.
- 30 Julian Michael Torres

Charles R. & Leanne  
 Richard A. & Susan E.  
 Terrence L. & Debora L.  
 Andy C. & Wendy E.

#### June

- 2 Michaela Elizabeth Davico
- 4 Jamie Renee Wetherby
- 13 Jessica Dawn Ledford
- 14 Steve Eric Kolasinski
- 14 Christopher Jude Hamel
- 22 Seth William Haskins
- 24 Marissa Erin Kelley
- 29 Mark James Laperle, Jr.

Charles P. & Mary E.  
 Michael J. & Renee L.  
 Richard F. & Kathy A.  
 Frank D. & Jessie E.  
 Richard T. & Maureen A.  
 Henry R. & Sandra R.  
 Timothy A. & Bonnie L.  
 Mark J. & Cheryle A.

#### July

- 7 Jaime Marie Mitchell
- 14 Jonathan Daniel Crane
- 22 Khristian J. Britt
- 27 Allyson Ann DeLaura
- 29 Timothy Franklin Thurber

Joseph E. & Janet M.  
 Terrence E. & Judith A.  
 Clarence E. & Linda J.  
 Richard F. & June  
 Robert K. & Caryl A.

#### August

- 3 Melissa Sue Smith
- 17 Jon Peter Flanders
- 19 Roxann Doubleday
- 23 Matthew Bron Gemborys
- 24 Heidi Ann Harris
- 25 Joshua A. Gamache
- 31 Andrew Michael LaBonté

Rodney T. & Carol M.  
 Robert L. & Theresa M.  
 Franklin C. & Karen  
 Paul B. & Linda J.  
 Alfred G. & Monika G.  
 Robert A. & Victoria A.  
 Gerald A. & Wendy J.

#### September

- 5 Thomas James Deyo
- 5 Kathleen Charmaine Emery
- 8 Jamie Michael Barrett
- 9 Peter David Whitmore
- 11 Angela Marie Page
- 13 Andrew Joseph Fellows
- 29 Jason Edward Laughton
- 30 Elizabeth Jo Vuerich

Raymond W. & Jerilynn I.  
 Bruce A. & Charmaine R.  
 Bruce E. & Mary Lou  
 Kenneth C. & Sandra A.  
 Daniel L. & Debra J.  
 Allen J. & Sandra J.  
 John E. & Elizabeth A.  
 Severino A. & Maria L.

#### October

- 2 David Lawrence Ballard
- 6 Laurie Anne Paul
- 27 Renee Ann Bourque

Roger B. & Dawn M.  
 William H. & Susan J.  
 Ronald E. & Lucille L.

29 Benjamin Michael Murphy  
 30 Scott G. Myers Jr.  
 31 Ryan W. Meuse

Gary M. & Sandra J.  
 Scott G. & Donna M.  
 William D. & Sarah J.

#### November

3 Daniel Francis Lavoie  
 14 Kristian Wayne Strom  
 16 Warren John Carpenter  
 21 Tammie Ann LaFountain

Roger D. & Sheena J.  
 Roger J. & Nancy L.  
 Warren J. & JoAnn T.  
 Floyd & Glenda J.

#### November

21 Robert Cartney Dio  
 28 Rebeca G. Salmon  
 28 Rachel Anne Salmon

Robert F. & Marie H.  
 James A. & Lynne E.  
 James A. & Lynne E.

#### December

8 Carmine David Imbriglio  
 11 Carole Janet Boren  
 12 Heather Marie Johnston  
 13 Eric Joseph Newton  
 17 Alanna Lynn Barnes  
 19 Neil Clifford Upham  
 20 Scott Francis Fournier  
 23 Rhonda Lynn Buzzee  
 25 Tracy Ann Pond

Carmine J. & Jane E.  
 Edward W. & Janet C.  
 William R. & Karen M.  
 Joseph R. & Diane M.  
 Larry A. & Jacqueline A.  
 Glenn C. & Darlene M.  
 Richard A. & Ruth E.  
 Donald R. & Karen J.  
 Gary G. & Diane C.

### MARRIAGES

Date	Groom	Bride
January		
10	Frank David Kolasinski, Jr.	Jessie Elizabeth Dirth
30	Robert Joseph Gelinas	Julie Ann Adams
31	John Francis Ferris	Naomi Bell (Buckley) Ellis
31	Donald Raymond Buzzee	Karen Jean (Parker) Raulston
February		
14	Richard Allen Young	Sharon Ann (Boudreau) Terry
14	Richard Dwight Coburn	Diane Marie Keville
14	Leo Joseph St. Lawrence	Jane Marilyn Willard
14	Robert Alan Gamache	Victoria Ann Stockwell
21	Ronald Edward Swiderski	Penny Ann Tait
21	Pierre Etienne Cudmore	Victoria Ann Collen

21 Fred W. Prebor  
22 Anthony Cataldi

Beatrice (Woods) Bresnahan  
Cora Margaret (Wortman) Talbot

#### March

5 George Edward LaMarche  
6 Robert John Lefrancois  
6 George Reynolds Lauriat, III  
27 Nelson Joseph Bezio, Jr.

Donna Marie Lavigne  
Judy Elizabeth Gerard  
Genevieve Ruth Gunn  
Bonnie Lou Wong

#### April

10 William Harold Paul  
30 Clive Earl Hamlet

Susan Joyce Hutchinson  
Freda Louise (Berry) Holm

#### May

8 Leroy Woodard Fifield  
8 Roland Philip Nutter, Jr.  
8 Mark James Laperle  
15 David Anthony Rota  
22 Robert Wayland Smart  
22 Richard Douglas Tandy  
22 Daniel William Walker  
29 Dennis S. Wetherby

Audrey Joan (Bliss) White  
Debbie Jean Bailey  
Cheryle Ann Castine  
Deanne Marie Johnson  
Lois Ann (Truehart) O'Brien  
Elise Anne Matthews  
Deborah Jean Wetherby  
Deborah J. Sweatman

#### June

11 Kenneth Norman Wilcox  
12 Gregory Alexander Torcia  
12 Steven Gary Akey  
12 Mark Edward Lyman  
17 David Arthur Lutz  
19 Eugene Joseph Caron, Jr.  
26 Steven Merrill Brewer  
26 Richard Joseph Bernard  
26 Dexter James Carlson

Cynthia Ann Richards  
Kendra June Rich  
Jennifer Lynn Godin  
Patricia Amy Bresnahan  
Marcia Kay Fournier  
Donna Jean (Bratcher) Streeter  
Gail Ann Shays  
Debra Ann Dugan  
Debra Carr

#### July

2 Bruce Wayne Harris  
3 David Charles Zirkle  
4 Patrick Samuel Lenigan  
8 Francis Joseph Murphy Jr.  
  
23 Joseph Paul Schneider  
  
24 James Edmund Gallagher  
25 Gary Burnside Perkins

Vickie Castagnaro  
Carol Ann Thompson  
Lorraine May Nelson  
Geraldine Theresa (MacDougall)  
Rosenburg  
Dorothy Phyllis (Andreasson)  
Barthel  
Denise Marie Boucher  
Cynthia Jean Cook

## July

26	Roger Gary Judd	Debora Ann LeClaire
30	Leonard Edward Hamel	Helen Irene (Whitten) Thompson

## August

6	Arnold William Bergeron, Jr.	Debra Marie Godin
8	Jesse Allen Johnson	Cynthia Louise Chase
14	Robert Irving Livingston, Jr.	Andrea Marie Folger
21	Albert John Brazauskas	Joanne Christine Mills

## September

3	Michael Kenneth Hughes	Elizabeth (Berberovich) Fortin
4	Robert Richard Roy	Barbara Ann Bates
4	Mark Andrew Chenausky	Joni Lee Adams
11	Lee Raymond Mallett	Sharon Ann Wayment (McGrail)
11	Lawrence Joseph Paradis	Jodie Jon Gesiorek
11	John Francis Colby	Stephanie Ruth Younger
18	Robert Gideon Rouleau, Jr.	Karen Marie Gamache
25	Allan David Pecoy	Lee Ann Wilbur

## October

2	William Charles Larkin	Beverley Luanne Groves
2	John Gary Whitney	Jacquelyn Darlene Pierce
2	Stephen Michael Kurkoski	Linda Teresa Sklenar
9	Timothy Shaun Kelleher	Bonnie Lynn Stoddard
16	Wayne Dennis Kimball	Linda Diane Noyes
16	Walter Joseph Chenausky	Helen Edna (Banas) Krawczynski
23	Charles William Johnson	Lyn Althea Sanderson
30	John Lester Spofford	Jane-Ellen Boudreau
30	Clarence Owen Wetherby, Jr.	Barbara Sue Hinds

## November

6	Gregg Eugene Fisher	Cheryl Lynn Peters
12	Michael J. Laperle	Lu-Ann Newcome
20	Alfonso Alexander Williams	Monica Faye Lewis
20	George Charles Freeman Willard	E. Jean (Wyman) Mealand
23	Raymond Gordon Ellis	Barbara Jean (Hames) Comstock
25	Raymond Michael Youngmans	Pauline Elaine (Starkey) Royce
27	Carl Wilho Tikka	Beverly Ann Sullivan

## December

4	David Douglas Saylor	Rosemary Donelan
11	Robert Larry Truehart	Carol Jean Duhaime
18	Warren Kenneth Rice	Kathy Ann Shute
18	Larry William Hamner	Helen Marie (Cutter) Dyer

## DEATHS

Date	Name	Address
January		
1	Emma Edith (Havercroft) Sands	167 South Main St.
7	Genevieve (Clark) Kimball	32 Daniel Shays Hgy.
11	Arthur Emi Marion	East River St.
14	Walter Thomas Plunkett	71 Shelter St.
18	Arnold H. Zwicker	Glenwood Ave.
19	William Peter Russell	453 Main St., Athol
February		
3	Tadeusz Maciejewski	519 East River St.
11	Elizabeth Irene (Champney) Whittemore	187 Daniel Shays Hgy.
11	George Edward Wetherby	52 Carpenter St.
13	Rosina Elizabeth (Ferrari) Risatti	20 Smith Ave.
14	Lawrence Roland Gamache	76 North Main St.
15	Estella Irene (Gray) Spooner	53 Dewey Conrad Ave.
18	Ina Francis (Johnson) Kilhart	200 East River St.
28	Steven Michael Bourbeau	60 Fryeville Rd.
29	Wilbur Madison Piper	200 East River St.
March		
1	Florence Irene Gates	95 Burrill Ave.
11	Earle John Curfew	Royalston Rd.
14	Margaret (Doubleday) Tandy	30 Burrill Ave.
14	Vernon Elmer Horton	419 East River St.
15	Robert Kilian	77 Burrill Ave.
22	Harold Edward Stone	19 Howe St.
29	Kevin Michael Latham	14 Highland St.
April		
5	James H. Young	690 East Main St.
23	William B. Richards	16 Maynard St.
24	Rosario Raymond Talbot	105 Daniel Shays Hgy.
28	Minnie Frances (Price) Pecoy	5 Kelton St.
May		
4	Albert J. Saunders	2 West Main St.
21	Julian T. Martindale	268 Pleasant St.
22	Mary Agnes (Donoghue) Johnson	24 King St.
29	Annie Angelia (Bronsdon) Johnson	200 East River St.

## June

3	Warren St. Claire Wessel	31 Lincoln Ave.
6	Alfred Ernest Todd	40 Rosemont Ave.
11	Fred Edwin Bennett	Royalston Rd.
12	Nancy Lussier	75 East Main St.
15	Bryant T. Richards	24 Hamilton Ave.
19	Edwin Wilfred Lawson	42 East Main St.
23	Anthony J. Novack	27 Whitney St.
28	Florence Louise (Hallberg) Johnson	75 East Main St.

## July

1	William R. Thompson	64 Whitney St.
6	George C. Wilbar	87 Glenwood Ave.
9	Mary Elizabeth Ballou	200 East River St.
19	Ethel T. Kielar	86 Wheeler Ave.
25	Muriel Irene Barton	53 Mechanic St.
29	Ralph P. Chiasson	36 Kelton St.

## August

1	Dorothea M. (Boyer) Clark	39 West Main St.
2	Marion Elizabeth (Kiley) Brewer	139 South Main St.
16	Judith Diane Kimball	32 Daniel Shays Hgy.
22	Adolph J. Lapinskas	26 Evergreen Drive
22	Minnie E. (Harlow) Cameron	Prescott St.
23	Grace Emma (Cole) Cass	88 Eagleville Rd.
26	Eva Cruickshank (Prior)	208 West River St.
26	Arthur W. Auger	419 East River St.

## September

11	Robert William Miller	200 Woodland Drive, Athol
12	Ellen Veronica (Quirk) Fearigo	20 Cheney St.
13	Donald E. Whitaker	683 East River St.
19	Arlan F. North	5 Hamilton Ave.
24	Florence Ethel (Wayne) Bond	75 East Main St.
30	Lillian Laura (Merron) Rogers	88 Wheeler Ave.

## October

19	Robert Ogden Briggs	900 North Main St.
20	Daniel Hartwell Shattuck	15 Fountain St.
21	Anna Kristina (Gustavson) Lundstrom	138 Pleasant St.
22	Edith (Seaton) Hopkins	75 East Main St.
24	Esther O. (Edman) Haley	86 Cheney St.
25	Anna C. (Fairman) Sampson	23 Howe St.

## November

4	Charles D. Baxter	36 Walnut Hill Rd.
10	Gwendolyn Cora (Pitkin) Oddy	49 Charles St.
12	Nellie Jane (Buckman) Parsons	18 Shelter St.
17	Frank Henry Marz	410 South Main St.
22	Evelyn Mae (Wood) Young	690 East Main St.

## December

11	Matthew Glen Burke	215 Athol Rd., Orange
12	Frank E. Gunn	31 Prentiss St.
14	Herbert H. Deyo	125 Fountain St.
22	Andrew J. Marcoux	605 East River St.
23	Floyd Edwin Ryder	86 West Main St.
23	Yola Catherine Carey (DeGara)	71 Daniel Shays Hgy.
23	Jeffrey Scott Carey	21 Sunset Drive
23	Robert Clayton Carey	21 Sunset Drive
31	Hazel Viola Cadwell Fleming	15 Carpenter St.

## FISHERMEN'S, HUNTERS' AND TRAPPERS' LICENSES

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	443
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	177
Resident Citizen's Sporting Licenses	351
Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing Licenses	58
Resident Alien's Fishing Licenses	1
Resident Citizen's Trapping Licenses	2
Spec. Non Resident Fishing Licenses (7 days)	8
Non Resident and Alien Fishing Licenses	2
Non Resident Hunting Licenses	1
Duplicate Licenses	14
Archery Deer Stamps	27
Waterfowl Stamps	56
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	1,140
Resident Citizens' Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Licenses 70 years and older	<hr/>
	104
Total number of licenses issued	<hr/>
	1,244

## DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Male Dogs .....	435
Female Dogs .....	70
Spayed Female Dogs .....	279
Kennel Licenses (\$10.00) .....	43
Kennel Licenses (\$25.00) .....	<u>5</u>
	832

All dogs must be licensed in March for the year April 1 to the following March 31. Also, dogs must be licensed when they become three months old from that date to the following March 31, at which time they must be relicensed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth B. Smith,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Accounting Department covering the financial transactions of the Town of Orange for Fiscal 1976 is herewith respectfully submitted:

### RECEIPTS

#### TAXES:

##### Local:

Real Estate	\$1,289,490.68	
Personal Property	90,099.09	
Farm Animal Excise	277.25	
Tax Title Redemptions	2,009.30	
Tax Possessions Sold	5,885.00	
Reimbursement Loss of Taxes	5,399.15	
Reimbursement Tax Exceptions	7,218.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,400,378.47

##### From the State:

Income and Sales Taxes:		
Education Basis G.L. Ch. 70	\$700,884.28	
Education Basis G.L. Ch. 69 & 71	18,619.06	
Reg. School District Aid Ch. 71	47,743.88	
Local Aid — Lottery Ch. 58	79,278.31	
Special Gas Tax Ch. 58 — 138B	23,476.27	
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#### LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Alcoholic Beverage	\$ 8,052.00	
Other Licenses	3,666.50	
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#### COURT FINES

4,531.00

#### GRANTS AND GIFTS:

##### From the Federal Government:

##### School:

Public Law 874 Title I	\$ 45,838.00
Food Service — School Lunches	37,349.85
Other purposes:	
Revenue Sharing	89,397.00

Waste Water Treatment Facilities	1,514,200.00	
Public Library	2,690.00	
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From the State:

School:

Transportation \$ 33,889.00

Vocational Education 23,967.00

Food Service — School Lunches 5,155.92

Other Purposes:

Reimb. Police Incentive Pay 1,513.43

Highways — Chapter 497 25,998.51

Highways — Chapter 825 31,093.00

Highways — Chapter 825, Sec. 3 57,427.80

Library Aid — Ch. 672, Acts. 1963 2,289.00

Waste Water Treatment Facilities 302,370.00

Bicentennial Grant 5,934.00

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489,637.66

**Total General Revenue \$4,465,742.28**

### COMMERCIAL REVENUE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Sewer Rentals \$ 3,908.00

PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 166,732.69

**Total Commercial Revenue \$170,640.69**

### DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Tax Costs \$ 842.00

Town Clerk's Fees 1,248.90

Liquor ID Cards 52.00

Raffle Permits 70.00

Marriage Licenses 312.00

Sale of Street Lists 588.00

Certification Mun. Liens 118.00

Reimb. Recording deeds 52.75

Town Hall Rentals 510.00

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\$3,793.65

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

### Police Department:

Copies of Reports \$ 493.68

Ins. Reimb. Damage to Cruiser 23.00

### Fire Department:

Reimb. Bruch Fires 1,663.50

Use of Ambulance 5,311.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures 169.60

Fire Alarm Reimbursement 150.00

Dog Officer 1,310.00

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9,120.78

## HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Board of Health Licenses \$1,180.25

Trailer Fees 6,658.00

Sewer Connections 400.00

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8,238.25

## HIGHWAYS:

State and County Chap. 90 \$55,600.00

Reimb. Damage to fence 240.00

Reimb. Snow Plowing 969.00

Use of Machinery 8,113.09

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64,922.09

## VETERANS' SERVICES:

Reimbursement for relief 30,401.83

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Rent of Facilities \$ 335.00

Service to Other Towns 454.38

Transportation Other Towns 3,801.17

Tuition and Transportation State Wds. 3,723.88

School Lunch Receipts 21,736.76

Sale of Desks and Misc. 224.09

Miscellaneous .40

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30,275.68

## LIBRARIES:

Cards and fines 1,074.30

## UNCLASSIFIED:

Telephone Booth receipts \$ 361.01

Planning Board Hearings 38.00

Conservation Com. Plans 50.00

Memorial Hall Rentals 725.00

Rent of Armory	\$ 850.00	
Rent of Tax Title Land	110.00	
Group Insurance Housing Auth. Share	498.90	
TV Cable License Fee	533.50	
Tax Title Deposit Forfeited	50.00	
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		3,216.41

<b>Total Departmental Revenue</b>	<b>\$151,042.99</b>
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### ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

#### AIRPORT:

Rentals	\$ 500.00	
Reimb. Adm. Building	628.43	
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		\$1,128.43

#### WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Rates	\$87,896.04	
Water Services	6,792.80	
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		94,688.84

#### CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

Care of Lots	\$ 133.00	
Burials	5,419.00	
Foundations	368.51	
Reimb. Damage to Cemeteries	86.20	
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		6,006.71

<b>Total Enterprises and Cemeteries</b>	<b>\$101,823.98</b>
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### INTEREST AND DEBT

#### INTEREST:

On R.E. and M.V.E. Taxes	\$ 9,776.01	
On Tax Titles	204.99	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	11,166.19	
On Cemetery Flower Funds	125.00	
Leland Moore Library Fund	945.00	
Marion Davis Library Fund	420.00	
Alice S. Mann Fund	10,000.00	
Group Insurance Dividend	1,711.44	
Interest on Fed. Rev. Shar. Funds	3,162.82	
Other Trust Funds	950.00	
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		\$38,461.45

**DEBT:**

Temp. Loans Anticipation Reimb.	\$1,892,550.00
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**Total Interest and Debt**

<b>\$1,931,011.45</b>
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**AGENCY TRUST AND REFUNDS****AGENCY:**

Dog Licenses for County	\$ 3,027.55	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Tax	123,259.83	
State Withholding Tax	41,697.81	
Group Insurance	19,023.43	
Retirement Fund	25,555.94	
Prudential and Metrtopolitan Ins.	3,930.00	
Washington National Insurance	611.92	
Travelers Insurance	597.26	
Teachers' Dues	3,629.59	
Police Dues	683.00	
	<hr/>	\$222,016.33

**TRUST FUNDS:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$41,498.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	63,000.00	
Cemetery Flower Funds	250.00	
Keyes Library Fund	500.00	
Memorial Funds	586.00	
	<hr/>	105,834.00

**REFUNDS:**

Petty Cash Refund	\$ 100.00	
General Government	803.58	
Protection of Persons and Property	177.14	
Highways	396.50	
Veterans' Benefits	2,582.92	
Recreation & Unclassified	1,608.00	
Schools	1,494.88	
Group Insurance	1,126.42	
Cemetery Department	358.80	
Other	10.91	
	<hr/>	8,659.15

**Total Agency, Trust and Refunds**

<b>\$336,509.48</b>
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## RECAPITULATION

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975	\$943,039.46
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### RECEIPTS:

General Revenue	\$4,465,742.28
Commercial Revenue	170,640.69
Departmental Revenue	151,042.99
Enterprises and Cemeteries	101,823.98
Interest and Debt	1,931,011.45
Agency, Trust and Refunds	336,509.48

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>7,156,770.87</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	\$8,099,810.33
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## PAYMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### TOWN OFFICERS BONDS

Town Clerk	\$ 20.00
Treasurer	323.00
Collector	<u>476.00</u>

\$ 819.00

### SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Selectmen's Salaries	2,850.00
Moderator	\$ 20.00
Forms and Supplies	509.01
Telephone	531.39
Publishing Sewer Ordinance	855.75
Posting and Publishing Warrants	288.94
Publishing Motor Boat By-Law	24.09
Travel and Expense to Meetings	91.50
Dues	220.00
Other Expenses	<u>229.59</u>

2,770.99

### GENERAL OFFICE

Salaries and Wages	5,467.00
Envelopes and Postage	2,841.80
Equipment and Supplies	943.00
Telephone	35.75
Maint. of Equipment	<u>431.19</u>

4,251.74

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT		
Salary		\$8,000.00
Supplies and Equipment		246.76
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT		
Salary		3,630.00
Clerk's Salary		1,458.00
Supplies and Equipment		631.80
FORECLOSURE EXPENSE		995.61
COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT		
Salary		5,720.00
Clerk's Salary		2,842.00
Tax Bills, postage and supplies		1,092.79
ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT		
Salaries		3,200.00
Supplies, Transportation etc.		2,557.53
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT		
Salary		3,800.00
Supplies and Equipment		599.82
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION		
Salaries Registrars, Clerks and Election Officers	\$ 1,048.50	
Voting Lists	482.75	
Supplies and Equipment	373.35	
State Census	877.64	
Listing residents	400.00	
Printing Street Lists	1,694.00	
		<hr/> 4,876.24
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		63.51
TOWN COUNSEL		1,025.00
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		1,500.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE		591.08
PERSONNEL BOARD EXPENSE		447.86
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE		75.00

**TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE**

Janitor	\$ 1,606.50	
Fuel and Light	8,063.40	
Repairs	3,251.72	
Equipment and Supplies	575.64	
Liability and Boiler Insurance	247.00	
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		13,744.26

**Total General Government****\$73,255.99****PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Salaries and Wages		\$110,617.60
Telephone	\$ 1,074.83	
Radio Repairs	1,562.74	
Supplies	1,449.63	
Investigation Expense	217.00	
Schooling Expense	1,734.00	
Photos	100.00	
Accident Insurance	520.00	
Expense to Meetings	268.60	
Association Dues	60.00	
Mileage Dog Officer	234.60	
Other Expenses	113.45	
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		7,334.85
Uniforms		2,186.73

**POLICE CAR**

Gas, Oil and Lubrication	\$ 5,177.37	
Repairs	445.05	
Tires and Tubes	704.98	
Registration and Insurance	1,463.25	
Supplies	196.09	
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		7,986.74

**NEW POLICE CAR****4,211.00****DOG EXPENSE****1,342.00****AMBULANCE**

Drivers and Helpers	\$6,289.06	
Gas, Oil and Lubrication	915.17	
Repairs and Supplies	625.36	
Tires	108.00	
Laundry	151.07	

Insurance	\$ 725.00	
EMT Training Expense	419.00	
	<hr/>	9,232.66
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Salaries and Wages		52,371.31
Gas, Oil & Repairs — Trucks	\$1,252.31	
Fuel and Lights	3,913.27	
Telephone	890.62	
Repairs and Supplies	2,028.25	
Care of Tully Station	204.00	
Laundry	225.72	
Insurance	1,204.00	
Hose and Equipment	495.00	
Other Expenses	284.73	
	<hr/>	10,497.90
NEW HOSE		1,895.89
SCOTT AIR PAK		460.00
FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE		
Care	\$ 960.00	
Labor	566.00	
Supplies and wire	73.93	
	<hr/>	1,599.93
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		413.85
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		521.98
MOTH SUPPRESSION		400.00
TREE WARDEN		
Superintendent	\$ 168.00	
Labor	1,296.00	
Use of Truck	757.50	
Supplies	48.95	
Tree Removal	666.75	
Trees	220.00	
	<hr/>	3,197.20
DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL		
Superintendent	\$ 348.00	
Labor	1,512.00	
Supplies and Equipment	33.16	

Use of Truck	\$ 630.00	
Tree Removal	<u>2,076.00</u>	4,599.16
BUILDING INSPECTOR		2,341.09
FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Warden	\$ 240.00	
Firemen	<u>3,051.00</u>	3,291.00
<b>Total Protection of Persons and Property</b>		<b>\$224,500.89</b>

### HEALTH AND SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH		
Salaries — Board		\$ 300.00
Office supplies, dues, etc.	\$ 128.60	
Camera	149.83	
Plumbing Inspector	381.00	
Milk Inspector	300.00	
Sanitary Agent	1,200.00	
Mileage	204.42	
Public Health Nurse	<u>3,500.00</u>	5,863.85
RUBBISH COLLECTION AND CARE OF DUMP		31,408.46
SEWER MAINTENANCE		
Labor	\$1,728.17	
Pipe and Supplies	<u>1,308.80</u>	3,036.97
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		175.00
HAMILTON AVENUE SEWER EXT.		2,415.06
NORTH MAIN STREET SEWER EXT.		1,716.17
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT		
Contract No. 1	\$1,508,481.84	
Contract No. 2	154,500.90	
Engineering Fees	<u>137,484.86</u>	

	<u>\$1,800,467.60</u>
<b>Total Health and Sanitation</b>	<b>\$1,845,383.11</b>

## HIGHWAYS

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fuel and Lights	\$ 3,757.69	
Telephone	442.29	
Repairs and Supplies	<u>499.86</u>	
		\$4,699.84

### SNOW AND INCE

Labor	\$25,393.43	
Salt, sand and supplies	<u>13,318.77</u>	
		38,712.20

### ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR AND OPERATION

Labor	\$ 8,692.77	
Gas and Oil	12,610.64	
Repairs, Parts and Supplies	9,447.27	
Tires	2,527.95	
Registration and Insurance	3,856.00	
Shipping Charges	61.14	
Other Expenses	<u>382.14</u>	
		35,578.53

### CHAPTER 81

Labor	\$ 1,531.13	
Stone, sand and gravel	858.15	
Road Compounds	<u>5,512.16</u>	
		7,901.43

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1972 Acct.

Labor	\$ 538.77	
Use of Equipment	<u>144.00</u>	
		682.77

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1973 Acct.

Labor	\$17,319.80	
Use of Equipment	7,483.09	
Rent of Equipment	305.00	
Stone	586.25	
Culverts	2,773.71	
Blocks and Cement	<u>220.24</u>	

Dynamite	<u>\$1,375.41</u>	30,063.50
CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1974 Acct.		
Labor	\$ 320.48	
Use of Equipment	<u>168.00</u>	488.48
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Labor	\$28,807.73	
Equipment and Supplies	4,154.32	
Sand and Gravel	1,015.00	
Road Compounds	1,118.36	
Cement	440.95	
Other expenses	<u>394.50</u>	35,930.86
CHAPTER 1140 Sec. 20		
Labor		223.68
CHAPTER 825 HIGHWAY FUND		
Labor	\$ 4,910.40	
Supplies and Equipment	175.37	
Road Compounds	512.98	
Sand and Gravel	1,974.58	
Clean catch basins	1,784.00	
Cement Blocks	224.92	
Culvert Pipe	<u>610.88</u>	10,193.13
CHAPTER 825		
Labor	\$20,514.11	
Rent of Equipment	175.00	
Supplies	664.08	
Sand and gravel	1,532.78	
Culvert pipe	497.94	
Road Compounds	2,153.40	
Signs	105.52	
Plank	336.00	
Cement Blocks	119.88	
Other Expense	<u>43.20</u>	26,141.91
PURCHASE OF RUBBISH TRUCK		17,182.06
MACHINERY PURCHASE		33,200.00

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Labor	\$ 1,559.36	
Sand, gravel and stone	2,051.19	
Road Compounds	6,352.77	
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		9,963.32

NORTH ORANGE WATER HOLE 10,110.53

SIDEWALKS 3,765.51

FLOOD CONTROL 703.04

STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS 14,669.75

DRINKING FOUNTAIN 25.75

FENCE VIEWERS 50.00

**Total Highways \$282,286.29**

**VETERANS' BENEFITS**

VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION \$ 7,830.44

VETERANS' BENEFITS 103,730.40

**Total Veterans' Benefits \$111,560.84**

**EDUCATION****SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — ADMINISTRATION**

Salaries and Wages	\$32,265.38	
Travel Expense	980.53	
Supplies, printing, postage	2,032.09	
Census of children	250.00	
Dues	875.00	
Rent Xerox Machine	83.00	
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		\$36,486.00

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — INSTRUCTION**

Teachers and Supervisors	\$458,729.11
Clerks, aides, and other	23,805.53
Books and Supplies	42,591.54
Teachers' Travel	1,001.85
Rent of Xerox Machine	222.32
Consultant and workshops	529.10

Machine Scoring Service	\$1,015.07	
Other Expense	135.00	
	<hr/>	528,029.52
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — OPERATION		
Janitors	\$35,182.55	
Telephone	2,621.55	
Fuel and Lights	32,165.49	
Supplies and Repairs	39,831.86	
Rubbish and Snow Removal	1,049.50	
Maint. of Equipment	1,904.51	
	<hr/>	112,755.46
SCHOOLS — AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Transportation	\$59,733.75	
School Physician	2,401.00	
School Nurse	6,055.40	
Health Supplies	411.96	
Insurance	1,464.95	
Travel Attendance Officer	4.80	
Collaborative Assessment System	1,590.00	
Rent of Office	1,620.00	
Cafeteria Manager	5,441.34	
Lunchroom Payrolls	11,082.00	
Nurse's travel	186.60	
Tuition Special Needs	300.00	
Special Program	400.00	
	<hr/>	90,691.80
SCHOOLS — NEW EQUIPMENT		10,128.04
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	\$23,805.74	
Transportation	11,104.84	
	<hr/>	34,910.58
STATE GRANT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION		7,155.23
BUTTERFIELD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS		2,520.40
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		1,039,080.96
TITLE I		45,838.00
TITLE II SCHOOL LIBRARY		1,449.96

**SCHOOL LUNCHROOM**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,230.55	
Milk and Groceries	41,177.25	
Supplies and Equipment	2,586.16	
Trucking Meals	2,586.54	
Repairs	263.90	
Shipping Charges	344.81	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Other Expenses	81.49	
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		56,320.70

**Total Education** **\$1,965,366.65**

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT****LIBRARY**

Salaries and Wages		\$20,486.68
Books and Periodicals	\$6,216.91	
Supplies and repairs	1,646.69	
Fuel and Lights	2,821.52	
Insurance	235.00	
Telephone	271.48	
Rent of Xerox Machine	574.55	
Snow and Rubbish Removal, Trucking	205.00	
Other Expenses	205.50	
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		12,176.65

**FEDERAL GRANT — EQUIPMENT** 2,007.30

**LELAND MOORE LIBRARY FUND** 1,323.74

**MARION DAVIS LIBRARY FUND** 525.25

**FRANK HOSMER LIBRARY FUND** 154.98

**CARRIE LEE HOSMER LIBRARY MUSIC FUND** 254.38

**Total Libraries** **\$36,928.98**

**RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED****PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Superintendent	\$ 250.00
Labor	5,167.36
Supplies and Repairs	382.68
Lights	138.71

Rent of Chemical Toilets	\$560.00	
		6,498.75
LIFE GUARD AND SWIMMING INSTRUCTION		
Life Guard	\$ 733.00	
Swimming Instruction	500.00	
		1,233.00
RECREATION COMMISSION EXPENSE		100.00
RECREATION PROGRAM		
Summer Payroll	\$2,647.25	
Basketball Program	820.00	
		3,467.25
FISH AND GAME DISTRIBUTION		600.00
MEMORIAL HALL MAINTENANCE		
Janitor	\$ 780.00	
Fuel and Lights	1,660.76	
Repairs and Supplies	106.72	
Liability and Boiler Insurance	531.00	
		3,078.48
PURCHASE OF LAND FOR DUMP		5,000.00
TOWN REPORTS		1,973.57
PARKING LOT		90.00
BAND CONCERTS		1,200.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSE		193.27
ARMORY MAINTENANCE		7,049.71
MEMORIAL DAY		614.75
GROUP INSURANCE		52,876.86
COMPENSATION INSURANCE		7,944.00
FIRE INSURANCE TOWN BUILDINGS		9,772.67
SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH PROGRAM		3,610.00

PRIOR YEAR BILLS	\$ 655.00
ALICE S. MANN TRUST FUND INCOME	5,446.00
BICENTENNIAL GRANT	<u>1,379.06</u>
<b>Total Recreation and Unclassified</b>	<b>\$112,773.37</b>

#### ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

##### AIRPORT — ADMINISTRATION

Insurance	\$1,007.00	
Postage, Telephone, etc.	<u>38.29</u>	
		\$1,045.29

##### AIRPORT — BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT MAINT.

Buildings:		
Fuel and Lights	\$1,424.59	
Supplies and Repairs	152.59	
Beacon	101.38	
Tractor	<u>334.81</u>	
		2,013.37

##### AIRPORT MAINTENANCE

Snow Removal	\$1,035.06	
Mowing	820.10	
Brush Cutting	700.00	
Runway Lights	993.01	
Paint Lines	629.66	
Barricade	<u>28.97</u>	
		4,206.80

##### WATER DEPARTMENT

Board Salaries		450.00
Salaries and Wages		39,355.71
Power and Lights	14,600.00	
Telephone	657.44	
Fuel	1,781.61	
Repairs	82.84	
Tools and Supplies	4,823.59	
Truck Operation:		
Repairs and Tires	418.95	
Gas and Oil	690.23	
Reg. and Insurance	271.00	
Fire Ins. Buildings & Boiler Ins.	781.33	
Expense to Meetings	225.80	

Other Expenses	\$ 309.75	
		24,652.27
WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT		
Meters	\$5,866.08	
Pipe Fittings	4,372.06	
Copper Tubing	1,072.80	
Hydrants and Repairs	3,682.74	
		14,993.68
NEW TRUCK		6,359.73
HOLTSHIRE PUMPING STATION		303.05
TULLY WATER PROJECT		13,193.13
HOLTSHIRE SPILLWAY		975.10
HAMILTON AVENUE WATER EXTENSION		1,386.60
WATER SURVEY		2,787.18
MAGEE MEADOW WELL		115.65
MATTAWA SPILLWAY		707.60
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT		
Board Salaries		225.00
Salaries and Wages		24,984.64
Telephone	\$ 78.76	
Equipment	791.75	
Equipment Repairs	70.88	
Supplies	273.35	
Fuel Oil	673.26	
Truck Repairs	216.40	
Gas and Oil	531.86	
Registration and Insurance	196.00	
Plants and other expenses	309.47	
		3,141.73
AVENUES SOUTH CEMETERY		1,820.10
CEMETERY FLOWER FUNDS INCOME		67.00
<b>Total Enterprises and Cemeteries</b>		<b>\$142,783.63</b>

## INTEREST AND DEBT

### INTEREST

Temporary Loans	\$15,730.33	
Dexter Park School Loan	6,757.50	
Sewage Disposal Plans Loan	2,400.00	
Fiscal Cycle Loan	2,100.00	
Butterfield School Renovation Loan	9,161.10	
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		36,148.93

### MATURING DEBT

Temporary Loans	\$1,642,550.00	
Fiscal Cycle Loan	20,000.00	
Dexter Park School Addition Loan	25,000.00	
Sewage Facilities Plans	20,000.00	
Butterfield School Renovation	13,950.00	
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		1,721,500.00

**Total Interest and Maturing Debt** **\$1,757,648.93**

## AGENCY, TRUST AND REFUNDS

### AGENCY:

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Tax	\$124,495.83	
State Withholding Tax	45,012.00	
Retirement	24,763.66	
Metropolitan Insurance	1,200.00	
Group Insurance	18,974.12	
Prudential Insurance	2,520.00	
Washington National Ins.	611.92	
Travelers Insurance	606.58	
Teachers' Dues	3,620.50	
Police Dues	735.80	
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		\$222,540.41

### Other Agency:

State Parks and Reservation Tax	\$19,498.24	
Auditing Tax	840.95	
County Tax	50,207.53	
Dog Licenses	2,823.60	
Retirement Assessment	42,085.00	
M.V.E. Tax Bills	549.75	
Air Pollution Control	411.62	
Retired Teachers' Group Ins.	3,306.64	
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		119,723.33

**TRUST FUNDS**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$36,278.00	
Cemetery Flower Fund	250.00	
Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	77,000.00	
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		113,528.00

**COURT JUDGMENT**

200.00

**REFUNDS**

Real Estate Taxes	\$13,893.77	
Personal Property Taxes	65.52	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	4,056.45	
Sewer Department	54.00	
Water Department	237.50	
Other Refunds	3.85	
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		18,311.09

**TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST AND REFUNDS****\$474,302.83****RECAPITULATION****PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1975 — 1976**

General Government	\$ 73,255.99	
Protection of Persons and Property	224,500.89	
Health and Sanitation	1,845,383.11	
Highways	282,286.29	
Veterans Benefits	111,560.84	
Education	1,965,366.65	
Libraries	36,928.98	
Recreation and Unclassified	112,773.37	
Enterprises and Cemeteries	142,783.63	
Interest and Debt	1,757,648.93	
Agency, Trust and Refunds	474,302.83	
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		\$7,026,791.51

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975 \$ 943,039.46

Total Receipts Fiscal 1975-1976 

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7,156,770.87**Total Receipts and Cash on Hand** **\$8,099,810.33**Total Expenditures Fiscal 1975-1976 

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7,026,791.51**Cash on Hand June 30, 1976** **\$1,073,018.82**

# TOWN OF ORANGE

## BALANCE SHEET -- JUNE 30, 1976

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$ 1,072,548.07	Employee's Payroll Withholdings:	\$ 379.13
Special Cash—Revenue Sharing	470.75	State Withholding Tax	1,004.40
Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	99,080.00	Federal Withholding Tax	2,732.11
Accounts Receivable:		Retirement Deductions	45.78
Taxes		Travelers Insurance	210.00
Levy of 1969		Prudential Insurance	43.37
Personal Property	\$ 211.20	Washington National Insurance	1,936.04
Real Estate	416.49	Group Insurance	
			6,350.83
Levy of 1970		Tax Title Excess	698.23
Personal Property	\$ 130.50	Premium on Loan	73.48
Real Estate	1,349.68	Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1971		Frank Parker Hosmer Lib. Fund	\$ 145.02
Personal Property	\$ 144.00	Carrie Hosmer Library Fund	574.62
Real Estate	2,235.62	M. Alice Mann Library Fund	121.63
		Sadie Orcutt Library Fund	503.65
Levy of 1972		Marion Davis Library Fund	1,642.80
Personal Property	\$ 132.00	Leland Moore Library Fund	1,295.59
		Goddard Park Fund	101.82

Real Estate	1,087.77				
Levy of 1973		1,219.77		Alice S. Mann Fund	\$5,216.60
Personal Property	\$ 621.65			Goddard Cemetery Fund	70.00
Real Estate	15,984.20			H. L. Moore Cemetery Fund	50.00
				Cemetery Flower Funds	133.50
					9,855.23
Levy of 1974		16,605.85		Bequests:	
Personal Property	\$ 204.86			Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$5,245.00
Real Estate	9,034.92			Edna Farwell Memorial Fund	225.00
				Arlene Warren Memorial Fund	361.00
Levy of 1975		9,239.78		Earl Keyes Library Fund	500.00
Personal Property	\$1,553.46				6,331.00
Real Estate	16,386.89				
Levy of 1976		17,940.35		Public Law 92-512 Revenue Sharing	26,610.42
Personal Property	\$ 2,973.54			Federal Grant — Title III NEDA	259.59
Real Estate	66,987.98			Federal Grant — Town Library	682.70
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		69,961.52			
Levy of 1968	\$ 6,337.23			State Grant — Special Education	12,167.06
Levy of 1969	5,850.15			State Grant — Bicentennial Project	4,554.94
Levy of 1970	4,035.61			Elementary School Lunchroom	9,157.82
Levy of 1971	3,658.72			Dog License Account Due County	2,505.20
Levy of 1972	6,996.26			Sale of Real Estate Fund	9,050.00
Levy of 1973	13,016.30				
Levy of 1974	22,356.84				
Levy of 1975	26,659.99				
Levy of 1976	539,544.83				

628,455.93	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	\$	246.50
	Road Machinery Earnings Reserve Fund		68.63
137.80	Tailings Account		962.34
	Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		158,400.11
	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
	1969 Overlay	\$	627.69
	1970 Overlay		1,480.18
	1971 Overlay		2,379.62
	1972 Overlay		1,219.77
	1973-1974 Overlay		25,845.63
304.00	1975 Overlay		26,051.82
			57,604.71
45,035.80	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
19,549.58	Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$628,455.93	
	Farm Animal Excise Taxes	137.80	
	Special Assessments	304.00	
	Departmental Revenue	26,392.41	
	Water Revenue	15,323.76	
	Tax Title Revenue	45,035.80	
	Tax Possessions Revenue	19,549.58	
			735,199.28
	State & County Aid to Hwys, Rev.		141,125.00
	Farm Animal Excise Taxes:		
	Levy of 1975		
	Special Assessments:		
	Sewer Rentals		
	Levy of 1970	\$	4.00
	Levy of 1971		12.00
	Levy of 1972		16.00
	Levy of 1973		88.00
	Levy of 1974		72.00
	Levy of 1975		32.00
	Levy of 1976		80.00
	Tax Titles		
	Tax Possessions		
	Departmental Accounts:		
	Selectmen's Licenses		
	Police Department	\$	1,158.00
	Fire Department		705.04
	Ambulance		212.00
	Board of Health		15,036.90
	Building Permits		4,482.50
	Sewer		158.00
	Highway Department		127.79
			1,002.00

Road Machinery Rentals	\$ 10.80	Federal & State Aid Waste Water	
Airport Rentals	1,824.41	Treatment Facilities Revenue	361,060.00
School Department	469.97		
Armory Rental	400.00	Loans Authorized and Unissued	3,200,000.00
Cemetery Department	805.00		
		Temporary Loans	600,000.00
Water Department:			
Water Rates	\$14,203.87	Airport Temporary Bond	1,000.00
Water Services	1,119.89		
		Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pol. Control	289.75
		County Tax	5,212.91
Aid to Highways:			
State	\$132,275.00	Special Education (1972-766)	11,048.00
County	8,850.00		
		1975-1976 Appropriation Balances Forwarded	358,952.78
		1976-1977 Appropriations	3,051,735.31
Aid to Waste Water Treatment Facilities:			
Federal	\$645,675.00		
State	151,185.00	1975-1976 Revenue Sharing Appropriation	
		Balances Forwarded	14,675.33
		1976-1977 Rev. Sharing Appropriations	58,265.00
Due from County:			
Dog Expense	128.00		
		Water Surplus Revenue	31,552.51
Loans Authorized	3,200,000.00	Surplus Revenue	348,672.56

# Deficits Prior Years:

State Parks & Reservations

203.09

## Overlay Deficits:

1967 Overlay

\$ 200.00

1968 Overlay

516.00

1976 Overlay

29,635.96

30,351.96

Revenue 1976 - 1977

3,028,946.31

\$9,224,367.22

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

\$333,883.04

Alice S. Mann Trust Fund

\$ 22,539.12

Asula P. Goddard Charity Fund

10,125.12

Asula P. Goddard Library Fund

4,501.23

Mae Alice Mann Library Fund

2,914.21

George A. Whipple Library Fund

376.82

Sadie M. Orcutt Library Fund	4,834.87
Addie J. Stratton Library Fund	415.21
Lizzie E. Read Library Fund	300.65
Marion S. Fowler Library Fund	\$ 406.14
Frank Parker Hosmer Library Fund	8,030.47
Carrie Delle Hosmer Library Music Fund	7,895.79
Leland-Moore Library Maintenance Fund	16,875.00
Marion H. Davis Library Fund	2,400.00
Asula P. Goddard Park Fund	1,290.08
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	171,029.00
Asula P. Goddard Cemetery Fund	4,063.62
Henry L. Moore Cemetery Fund	1,960.05
Ernest H. Putnam Cemetery Flower Fund	522.15
Clara Haas Bannon Cemetery Flower Fund	587.83

John & Selma Oberg Cemetery Flower Fund	565.16
Carl & Lillie Lilliestrand Cem. Flower Fund	543.58
Hartson-Fisher Cemetery Flower Fund	339.40
Kidder-Russell Cemetery Flower Fund	327.80
Earl Keyes Cemetery Flower Fund	\$ 259.80
Conservation Fund	2,391.99
Stabilization Fund	68,387.95
	<u>\$333,883.04</u>
	<u><u>\$333,883.04</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth B. Smith,

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the fiscal year 1976-1977.

<b>Local Expenditures</b>	
Appropriations	3,242,411.79
Overlay deficits of former years	29,008.51
Total offsets from Cherry Sheet	8,488.20
Retirement	63,141.00
Total Local Expenditures	3,343,223.57
<b>State Assessments</b>	
State Tax	33,768.38
County Tax	59,677.22
Overlay	151,140.57
Gross Amount to be raised	3,587,809.74
<b>Estimated receipts and available funds</b>	
Total estimated receipts from state	1,091,399.65
Prior years overestimates	16,550.66
Local estimated Receipts	285,084.95
Available Funds	213,465.48
Available funds to reduce Tax rate	100,000.00
Total estimated receipts and available funds	1,706,500.74
Net amount to be raised by taxation	1,881,309.00
Real Estate Valuation	17,827,975.00
Personal property valuation	985,115.00
Total valuation	18,812,490.00
<b>Tax Rate \$100.00</b>	
Real Estate property tax	1,782,797.50
Personal property tax	98,511.50
Total taxes levied	1,881,309.00
<b>No. of parcels Assessed</b>	
No. of bills on Real Estate	3029.
No. of bills on Personal property	347.
No. of bills on Farm Animal Excise	7.
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	1650.
Number of Acres of Land assessed	19,396,860.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence E. Goodnow  
Richard R. Hall  
Durward E. Cornwell

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Outstanding 7-1-75	Committed
1969 Personal Property	\$ 442.20	
1970 Personal Property	207.00	
1971 Personal Property	319.50	
1972 Personal Property	237.60	
1973 Personal Property	1,188.25	
1974 Personal Property	506.33	
1975 Personal Property	2,545.03	
1976 Personal Property		\$ 92,624.35
1968 Real Estate Taxes	494.33	
1969 Real Estate Taxes	3,539.88	
1970 Real Estate Taxes	6,350.31	
1971 Real Estate Taxes	7,292.25	
1972 Real Estate Taxes	7,024.63	
1973 Real Estate Taxes	25,235.96	
1974 Real Estate Taxes	15,122.41	
1975 Real Estate Taxes	47,018.55	
1976 Real Estate Taxes		1,416,984.74
1968 Motor Vehicle Excise	6,344.09	
1969 Motor Vehicle Excise	6,050.00	
1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,045.61	
1971 Motor Vehicle Excise	3,749.57	
1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	7,480.06	
1973 Motor Vehicle Excise	14,070.16	133.10
1974 Motor Vehicle Excise	29,232.31	2,650.00
1975 Motor Vehicle Excise	31,618.42	101,835.74
1976 Motor Vehicle Excise		603,598.96
1968 Sewers	4.00	
1969 Sewers	24.00	
1970 Sewers	24.00	
1971 Sewers	32.00	
1972 Sewers	28.00	
1973 Sewers	120.00	
1974 Sewers	116.00	
1975 Sewers	108.00	
1976 Sewers		3,872.00
1975 Farm Animal Excise		415.05

(Tax Collector's Report continued)

	Paid	Abated	Tax Title	Outstanding 6-30-76
\$	231.00			\$ 211.20
	27.00	\$ 49.50		130.50
	94.50	81.00		144.00
	70.40	35.20		132.00
	495.90	70.70		621.65
	198.27	103.20		204.86
	937.57	54.00		1,553.46
	89,065.17	585.64		2,973.54
	150.33	344.00		0
	924.04	2,071.64	\$ 127.71	416.49
	3,844.17	118.36	1,038.10	1,349.68
	3,175.63		1,881.00	2,235.62
	3,860.06		2,076.80	1,087.77
	6,832.81	232.30	2,186.65	15,984.20
	4,565.89	333.60	1,188.00	9,034.92
	26,550.16	1,827.00	2,254.50	16,386.89
	1,224,364.46	121,428.95	4,203.35	66,987.98
	6.86			6,337.23
		199.85		5,850.15
	10.00			4,035.61
	90.85			3,658.72
	470.60	13.20		6,996.26
	1,150.66	36.30		13,016.30
	7,443.56	2,172.91		22,356.84
	99,353.43	7,440.74		26,659.99
	56,267.83	7,786.30		539,544.83
		4.00		0
	20.00	4.00		0
	16.00		4.00	4.00
	12.00		8.00	12.00
	4.00		8.00	16.00
	24.00		8.00	88.00
	32.00		12.00	72.00
	64.00		12.00	32.00
	3,780.00	4.00	8.00	80.00
	277.25			137.80

Respectfully submitted,  
SANDRA M. JOHNSON,  
Tax Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975	\$ 943,039.46
Total Receipts Fiscal 1975-1976	<u>7,156,770.87</u>
	\$8,099,810.33
Payments 1975-1976 per Warrants	<u>\$7,026,791.51</u>
Cash on Hand June 30, 1976	\$1,073,018.82

An itemized report of the receipts and payments may be found in the Town Accountant's Report.

## TAX TITLES

Tax Titles Held by the Town on July 1, 1975	\$46,849.45
Added to Tax Titles in 1975-1976	<u>18,021.95</u>
	\$64,871.40
Tax Titles Redeemed, Foreclosed and payments made	<u>\$19,835.60</u>
	\$45,035.80

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA M. JOHNSON  
Treasurer

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year 1976.

Arrests	460
Accidents Reports	184
Night Lodgers and Incapacitated Persons	113
Store Doors found Unlocked and Secured	98
Street Lights Out	65
Telephone Calls Requiring Service	8,500

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES B. PATRICK  
Chief of Police

## **DOG OFFICER'S REPORT**

I herewith submit the annual report of the dog officer for the year 1976.

Dog Complaints	579
Dogs Killed	109

Respectfully submitted,  
HELEN MARBLE  
Dog Officer

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the Orange Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1976.

### MAIN STATION:

- 219 Fire Calls and Investigations
  - 37 Structural Fires
  - 12 Chimney Fires
  - 22 Automobile Fires
  - 19 Automobile accidents and gas wash downs
  - 39 Brush, Grass, and Railroad Fires
  - 21 Sprinkler and Heating Equipment malfunctions
  - 10 Investigations for smoke and gas odors
  - 17 Mutual Aid Calls
  - 12 False Alarms
  - 2 Lockouts
  - 3 Burning without permits
  - 2 Aircraft accidents
  - 2 Dump Fires
  - 1 Lost Child incident
- 18 Service Calls (Broken water pipes, lights ballasts, etc.)

### TULLY STATION:

- 1 Smoke investigation
  - 3 Car Accidents
  - 1 Car Fire
  - 2 Lost Child incidents
  - 1 Propane Gas malfunction
  - 3 Structural Fires
  - 7 Brush Fires
  - 1 Snowmobile Accident
  - 3 First Aid Calls
  - 9 Mutual Aid Calls (Assist Main Station)
- 3865 Telephone Calls logged for the Orange Police Department
- 2 Blasting Permits issued

- 25 Chimneys inspected
- 2 Gasoline Storage permits issued
- 18 Oil Burner permits issued
- 265 Burning Permits issued during the burning season

#### AMBULANCE REPORT:

During the calendar year ending December 31, 1976, the Orange Ambulance handled 473 patients as compared with 421 for 1975. This is a 12.5% increase in patient load for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. O'LARI  
Fire Chief

LLOYD ROWE, JR.  
Deputy Fire Chief

LLOYD TAYLOR  
Dist. Dept. Fire Chief

#### **SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following report is submitted for the year ending 12/31/76.

Fire alarm lines were replaced on:

East Myrtle Street  
Prentiss Street  
West Main Street

General repairs were made to lines and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. REYNOLDS  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following were tested and sealed by me during the year 1976:

Scales	22
Gasoline Pumps	45
Fuel Oil Trucks	8

Requiring adjustment were:

4 Scales
10 Gasoline pumps
1 Oil truck meter

Sealing fees collected — \$173.70.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUE B. RICE,  
Sealer

## REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As wiring inspector for the Town of Orange I want to report another successful year.

There are three homes in Orange that are or will be renovated for new tenements in the near future. The homes are on West River Street, Whitney Street and Congress Street. The work is being done by Franklin County Development. The new addition to St. Mary's Church is about completed. This is behind the church.

Once again I have had the cooperation of the electricians and Mass. Electric Co. for their services to the people of Orange.

Some of the work done is as follows:

- 1 300 A. Service 3 phase, 4 wire
- 29 100 A. Services
- 3 60 A. Services
- 7 Swimming Pools
- 2 Service for trailers
- 1 Band Stand
- 3 Water heaters
- 2 Range circuits
- 3 Washer Outlets
- 4 Electric Furnaces
- 1 Hood Fan
- 3 Electric Dryer Outlets
- 1 Dish Washer
- 10 200 A. Services

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BARNES  
Inspector of Wires

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Orange:

As this is the Bicentennial report of the Board of Health we would like to share with the people of Orange some of the problems that faced our first Board in 1893 with those of today by including in our report the report submitted by the first Board of Health.

### The Report of 1893

March 7th, 1892, the subscribers were unanimously elected by the citizens of Orange as a Board of Health for the ensuing year.

So flattering and unexpected an expression for the confidence of our fellow townsmen, could not well be disregarded by anyone possessed of a moderate degree of public spirit and loyalty to home interests, especially when accompanied by so substantial a pledge of sincerity as a \$1,000.00 appropriation and to us with right hands uplifted, then and there the gentlemanly clerk administered the oath, which the Board unhesitatingly declared to have been the mildest in its tone and least startling in its nature of any to which we have listened during our term of office.

Without procrastination the Board met immediately, and organized as hereafter indicated, and with no ordinary degree of solicitude, proceeded to a study of the situation.

Fully believing that in a community like ours, a large majority of the cases of disregard and infraction of the law is mainly due to ignorance of its requirements, the Board having formulated and adopted a code of Rules and Regulations, and having carefully called from the Statutes of this Commonwealth those sections of the law which have special bearings of this subject, caused the same to be published in type sufficiently clear to enable even the runner to read, and to be conspicuously displayed in every occupied house, tenement, and place of business in the town. The experience of the efficient officer who posted up these tablets, if published would prove "witty, interestin' readin'", but suffice it to say he performed his task in a gentlemanly way, without showing fear or favor, and in a manner which called forth the hearty approval of every member of this Board." This labor was completed April 18, and evidently served as a notice of readiness to engage in more onerous and odorous duties.

No delay followed. That noon's mail brought us several interesting communications, (a majority of them were anonymous) and the members of the Board, were each individually button-holed and confidentially intrusted with some real or imaginary complaint, with the closing

adjuration "Don't let them know that I said anything about it." With a view to personal safety, as well as a peaceable neighborhood, the Board determined to pay no attention to notices received without name of complaints, and at the same time, on no account to divulge such names to others, which resolution we have dedulously regarded, although frequently and usually met with the cordial and encouraging inquiry of "who invited you to insinuate your olfactory organs into our private affairs," or words to that effect.

April 19, witnessed the first active operations, and from that date until Nature clasped the extraneous odors and filth of earth with not less than two feet of frost with this Board has never been wanting in subjects for fertile thought and patient investigation.

Pig-pens have been besieged, hen-roosts disturbed, stables inspected, cess-pools opened, privies invaded, drains unearthed, sinks uprooted, wells uncovered, cellars searched, attics ransacked, defunct horses entombed, and dead cats buried in fact each member of this Board has almost daily displayed such versatility of genius to devise, and such adeptness of ability to execute, the maneuvers necessary to the successful attainment of these desired ends, as to excite wonder in the breasts and call forth deserved plaudits from the lips of his co-laborers.

In the performance of its official duties, investigating these causes of complaints, and the imperative abolition of all nuisances actually found to exist, the Board has carefully and conscientiously endeavored to avoid the projection of hardship or unnecessary expense upon any family or individual, but when convinced of the right and justice of the matter, "with charity for all and malice toward none," it has aimed to allow neither man with maul or maid with mop to long deter the needed reform.

That the Board has been no respecter of persons is evidenced by the fact that during the year it has laid action on the town itself, on the Fitchburg Railroad, on one of the leading churches as well as instituting proceedings at law against several of our most wealthy and influential citizens, "nameless here forevermore."

The Board has received 140 properly signed complaints, involving the investigation of 210 sources of offense, filth and pollution. In the routine of every day professional labor, the members have individually looked into 93 more, making in all a grand total of over 300 unsanitary conditions, scores of which were so foul and loathsome that a vulture would turn away in disgust, not one of which in any manner resembled geranium leaves or peach blossoms, and every one liable to be, or become, infested with germs of the most poisonous and infectious diseases.

Five times the Board has been compelled to resort to legal forces of acceleration. One case only was appealed, and necessitated attendance on court three days at Greenfield, but was then settled by defendant. Three houses have been condemned as unfit for habitation, and the tenants required to move, one slaughter house has been abolished, four red flags and cards of warning have been displayed, seven carcasses of dead animals have been removed "far from the mortal" smell. These items, together with the compilation and formulation of the laws and Regulations, and the posting of over 1,200 copies of the same, form a large share of the work of the Board of which any visible sign appears.

The health and mortality of the community, particularly as affected by contagious diseases, should be carefully considered by every loyal townsman, compared with that of the past, and thus he may arrive at logical conclusions relative to the future.

During the year only one case of Scarlet fever was reported. It was carefully isolated and fully recovered. Of measles two mild and manageable cases only were reported. Of Diphtheria, of which the people were most apprehensive, and with good reason, if we recall the epidemic of 1891, in which 27 cases occasioned 15 deaths, and seven cases were this year reported and two deaths. The unprecedented number of 20 cases of Typhoid fever has been brought to the notice of this Board, and we are of the opinion that to no cause is it so directly traceable as to our insufficient and impure sources of water supply. Happily no deaths occurred from this disease.

The Board has repeatedly had its attention called to the filthy and polluted water supplied to a large number of the tenants of the village, but realizing that of so indispensable an article, "any is better than none," and the utter impossibility of bringing about any sudden or radical change, we have refrained from making any recommendations, patiently and hopefully trusting that our Water Commissioners will, in due time, relieve all future boards from the consideration of this vexations, vital question, by the introduction into Orange of a pure and adequate water supply.

In conclusion we recommend:—That a Board of Health be continued and more permanently established in Orange by the election this year of one member for three years, and by the provision each year of an equal sum for paying its expenses. That all succeeding Boards annually make at least one tour of inspection into the sanitary conditions existing in and about every building rented or offered for rent in this village. That the town immediately acquire by purchase or otherwise, a sufficient tract or tracts of some of the now useless land in this vicinity, at a suitable

distance from the village, to be used for a dumping ground for waste, garbage etc., also as a burial place for dead animals. That the sewer system be extended to accommodate such portions of the village as are now unprovided for, especially the several houses on the east side of North Main Street.

## CASH ACCOUNT

Board of Health to Town of Orange,

Dr.

To cash appropriated, \$1,000.00

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BY:

John Chase, printing	33.25	
F.W. Fish, disinfectants	3.40	
W.A. Graves, serving papers	3.50	
D.T. Crandall, printing	14.50	
F.W. Fish, blanks	1.25	
D.G. Coolidge, Books, stationery	4.29	
E.G. Weaver, Services	12.00	
D.G. Coolidge, express	.43	
Charles Mayr, chem. work, etc.	7.55	
Salaries of members	300.00	\$382.67

Balance unexpended \$617.33

S.F. Haskins, president  
W.M. Wright, treasurer  
D.G. Coolidge, secretary

## ORANGE BOARD OF HEALTH

### Nursing Report

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

Home Visits	256
Blood Pressure	
Taken at Senior Citizens Meeting	763
(12 clinics)	
Community Blood Pressure Clinic	114
6/10	

Children Tested for Lead Poisoning	5
Number of Immunizations Given at Clinics (3 clinics for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria whooping cough, tetanus)	117
Flu Vaccine	
Bivalent (Swine/A Victoria) clinics — 10/26, 11/17, and 12/1	539
Monovalent (Swine) clinics — 11/17 and 12/1	332
Mantoux Tests Done	36

The Board of Health through a contract with the Athol-Orange Community Health Service Agency, a division of Athol Memorial Hospital provides a wide variety of programs aimed at disease prevention and health promotion. Among such programs are:

**Immunization Clinics:** There were three immunization clinics to provide protection against measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio. One hundred and seventeen immunizations were given to Orange residents.

**Flu Clinics:** Most of the fall was spent in organizing Swine/Victoria flu clinics. There were four such clinics in Orange — two on October 26, one on November 17 and one on December 1. Five hundred thirty-nine received the Swine/Victoria Flu vaccine and 332 received the Swine Flu vaccine. There was much citizen participation in this program. Approximately sixty volunteered their services to help man the clinics.

**Mantoux Clinics:** The Board of Health is also responsible for testing school personnel for tuberculosis. Regularly each fall a large number of school personnel are tested. This year the program was hampered by the Swine Flu Clinics so only 36 were tested. The remainder will be tested in February. This is a very important means of disease surveillance.

**Health Screening Clinics for Senior Citizens:** Monthly the nursing staff provides a health screening program for senior citizens. This consists of a health talk, blood pressure monitoring and health counseling. The participation in this program has increased greatly each year. Last year 763 assessments were made. It is a very valuable program for along with giving information on health, many problems have been identified and people referred for follow-up. Some of these problems have included symptoms of diabetes, cataract, hypertension, skin cancer, allergies —

with medical counseling and referral many of these people were treated before their problems became more serious. One woman resisted suggestions of medical care for about eight months before she finally felt comfortable enough to see her physician and was treated for very high blood pressure.

**Health Screening Clinics for the Community:** This past year the Board of Health initiated a new program. A health screening program was held in the Town Park. One hundred fourteen people attended. Twenty-six were referred for follow-up due to hypertension.

**Home Visits:** Two hundred forty-six home visits were made under the Board of Health contract. Some of these included routine and high-risk infant visits, visits for flu shots to people who were homebound and other varied health promotion visits.

Janice L. Nelson, Coordinator  
ATHOL-ORANGE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
SERVICE AGENCY  
435 Main Street, Athol, Mass.

#### Lincenses and Permits Issued by Board

Funeral Home and Undertaker's Licenses	1 at	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Motel and Cabin License	7 at	10.00	70.00
Disposal Works Installer's Permits	13 at	25.00	325.00
Well Digger's Permits	4 at	5.00	20.00
Food Service Permits	39 at	3.00	117.00
Milk and Cream License	33 at	2.00	66.00
Caterer's Registration	none		
Removal of Rubbish, Garbage, Offal, and Substance from Septic Tanks	3 at	5.00	15.00
Permits for Construction of Sewage Disposal Systems signed by Board	73 at	5.00	365.00
Total amount of money received by the town for licenses issued by this Board is			\$979.00

#### Health Agent's Report Submitted by Edgar T. Hume

Septic System Inspections	58
Percolation Tests	74
Phone Calls Received	172

Investigations	195
Housing Inspections	104
Appearance in Court	2
Trips to Amherst to State Laboratory	18
Inspections with Pure Food and Drug Inspector	2
Food Establishment Inspections	23
Restaurant Inspections	37
Complaints re Rubbish on Property	10

### Plumbing Inspector's Report Submitted by Michael Porcari

Permits issued	73
Inspections	95

### Communicable Diseases

One report of Hepatitis was reported to us this year. It is impossible to keep a proper check on communicable diseases if they are not reported to us by the doctors in this area, as is required by law.

There were no reports of premature babies.

There is much more that could be written, but would be too lengthy for this report so we are closing with these two problems facing our Board in the coming year. There are a few apartment buildings in town that could be called "slum tenements", which we are hoping we can eliminate. This is a quote from the 1898 report: "We might allude to a few tenements (so called) which will never be cleaned save by fire — but we refrain out of regard for the tender feelings of the owners, but at the same time we prayerfully hope for the conflagration and implore the co-operation of the O.F.D."

Also we have been given the unhappy task of making sure there is no further pollution of the Millers River when our sewage treatment plant goes into operation. Quote from 1894: "No Subject effecting the health of this community is contemplated with so dire a degree of apprehension as the filthy and rapidly growing worse condition of the waters and channel of Millers River, and the swamps and marsh land bordering thereon, east of the village."

Respectfully submitted,  
Madeline M. Donelan, Chairman  
Evelyn Kennedy

Andrew Mitchell, M.D.  
Robert Knight, M.D.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit the report of the Highway Department for the year 1976.

The work of the Highway Department has been the regular upkeep of streets, roads, sidewalks and bridges not included in Chapter 90.

Numerous sidewalks were patched. New sidewalks were constructed on the south side of Central Square.

Numerous driveway entrances were reconstructed with bituminous concrete.

Iron rail fences were repaired.

Streets were swept in the Spring and Fall.

Four hundred feet of drainage was put in on Wheeler Avenue, 525 feet on Pleasant Street, and 300 feet on Spring Street.

Roads and streets oiled were: Wheeler Avenue — 1 mile, North Orange Road — 2 miles, Royalston Road — 400 feet, Walnut Hill — 300 feet and Burrill Avenue — 1,500 feet.

In the winter sand was delivered to houses for private use.

Snow fence was erected.

Sand boxes were kept filled for use by the public.

Snow was cleared from sidewalks and sand applied when necessary.

Parking lots were plowed and sanded at Mahar Regional School, Butterfield School, and Dexter Park School.

Three hundred sixty tons of salt and approximately 5,000 yards of sand was applied to streets and roads.

Runways, taxiways, and parking lots were plowed at the Airport.

## **Chapter 90 Construction**

An archway type bridge was built on Tully Road. The bridge is 72 feet long and 12 feet wide. A distance of 3,500 feet was reconstructed, gravel applied and the road was oiled.

### **Sewers**

Numerous lines from streets to houses were unplugged.

Broken sewer lines were replaced.

Various lines to new houses were laid.

Lines were unthawed when frozen.

Sixteen hundred feet of new sewer line was laid on McCarthy Lane and Roche Avenue.

Five hundred feet of new sewer line was laid on North Main Street.

### **Municipal Buildings**

General upkeep was maintained at the Highway Department Building.

### **Parks and Playgrounds**

Grass at Butterfield Park, Goddard Park and Memorial Park was mowed, hedges trimmed, bushes cut, and leaves and grass was raked up and disposed of.

Tennis courts and the basketball court at Butterfield Park were kept cleaned and maintained.

Sand was trucked to the beach at Lake Mattawa and a boat and chair were placed at the beach for the life guard hired by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIVER,  
Highway Supt.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Under Veterans' Benefits, Chap. 115, there was an average of fifty-five temporary cases and fourteen permanent cases. A total of two thousand four hundred and forty-one persons was assisted by our office for various associated veterans' problems during normal working hours.

Following four years as Veterans' Agent and Director, Harold F. Calcari, Sr. resigned effective April 30, 1976. Victor H. Coleman was appointed to fill the position effective May 1, 1976. He resigned effective August 31, 1976, also declaring the position required more time than he could devote. The appointment of Arnold W. Bergeron became effective September 13, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD W. BERGERON  
Agent and Director

## LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

American Library Association form of Statistics

Population served (1970)	6,097
Number of days open during the year	304
Hours open each week for reading	34
Hours open each week for lending	34
Number of volumes added by purchase	738
Number of volumes added by gift	62
Total number of volumes at the end of the year	34,354
Number of volumes loaned for home use	52,105
Reading certificates issued	95
Number of registered borrowers	4,152

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL E. GLASSON  
Librarian  
Wheeler Memorial Library

### Moore-Leland Library North Orange, Mass.

Number of days open during the year	152
Hours open each week for reading	8
Hours open each week for lending	8
Number of volumes added by purchase	91
Total number of volumes at end of year	4,772
Number of volumes loaned for home use	4,704
Number of registered borrowers	357

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTHA GALE  
Librarian  
North Orange, Mass.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Conservation Commission submits the following report for the year 1976:

The Commission held seventeen regular meetings, six special meetings, one "Show Cause" Hearing, and three public hearings. There were eleven field trips to determine the applicability of the Wetlands Act. Three Statements of Condition were issued. Eight Determinations not applicable to the Wetlands Act were issued.

A written response to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs opposing diversion of the Connecticut and Millers Rivers was made.

The Commission favored the Southern Route of Route 2 from West Orange through Erving, on the south side of Millers River as presented by the Department of Public Works Engineers.

One purpose of the Conservation Commission is to safeguard the town's watersheds, natural resources and green areas of undeveloped land both for informal outdoor recreation use and for preservation and enhancement of the quality of life.

The Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the State Wetlands Protective Act. The expanded Wetlands Act helps prevent the development of flood prone areas, and the destruction, misuse, or contamination of valuable water storage areas and wetland wildlife habitat. The Public Library has a copy of the Wetlands Act for the townspeople's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. WOOD  
CLIFTON W. PEIRCE  
STANLEY CLEVELAND  
EDGAR HUME  
JANE MEHR  
Conservation Commission

## REPORT OF AIRPORT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1976 there were 1,638 landings and take-offs registered in the Log Book. This is an increase of 353 over 1975.

Some financial information regarding the Airport:

\$7,820.62 spent by Parachutes Inc. to the Red Hanger.

1,400.00 Received by taxation from P.I. and the Aero Club

500.00 Rent from Sports Car Clubs.

One-half building and equipment cost were paid by P.I.

(Includes fuel and lighting)

Jo Air, a fixed base operator, is now located at the Airport. Jo Air offers repairs, rentals and flying lessons.

The Bicentennial Committee and Kiwanis Club used the East River Street area of the Airport for activities for the town.

During 1976 most of the Commission's time was spent in conjunction with the I.D.D. and F.A.A. regarding the Industrial Park. Lots will be available for purchase soon.

Vandalism by trespassers at the airport continues at an expense to the town. Runway lights seem to be a target.

The Airport Commission again wishes to thank the townspeople, the Aero Club and Parachutes Inc., for their excellent cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER W. HORTON, Chairman

NORMAN G. SIXT, SR.

LLOYD A. TAYLOR

FREDERICK A. MOCK, JR.

JAMES A. MacKNIGHT

Airport Commission

## ORANGE WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Water Department for the year 1976.

1976	160,044,000 Gallons of water pumped
	124,293,000 Gallons of water metered
1975	151,547,000 Gallons of water pumped
	120,420,750 Gallons of water metered
20	Old meters replaced
31	Meters repaired
11	New services installed
9	Old services renewed
76	Services turned on or off at owners request
13	Frozen meters
4	Frozen services
11	Hydrants damaged by motor vehicles repaired
2	Obsolete hydrants replaced
2	Leaks in main pipes repaired
18	Leaks in service pipes repaired
24	Samples of water sent to the State Department of Public Health for testing

All hydrants were tested and checked in the spring and fall.

We have a total of 606 remote readers installed to date.

The necessary repairs to the Lake Mattawa dam was completed by Mackin Construction Company.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY W. CLEVELAND  
Superintendent

## REPORT OF CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The regular work of caring for the seven cemeteries was carried on as has been done in past years.

Number of burials	79
Number of graves filled	83
Number of foundations	62

We did not get the tar cover on the avenue in South Cemetery this year as we had planned, but hope to complete this work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE J. LAUGHTON  
JOHN W. BLACKMER  
WILLIAM R. PRIESTLEY

Cemetery Commissioners

**Annual Report**

**of the**

**School Department**





## **REPORT OF THE ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Mr. Arthur W. Shaw, Chairperson</b> Creamery Hill Rd., North Orange	<b>1979</b>
<b>Mrs. Gayle A. Pinkowski, Vice Chairperson</b> 28 Grove Street	<b>1977</b>
<b>Miss Leona K. Cloutier, Secretary</b> 96 West River Street	<b>1978</b>
<b>Mr. Rodney W. Bixby</b> 182 Holtshire Road	<b>1979</b>
<b>Mr. Lloyd C. Green</b> 15 West River Street	<b>1977</b>
<b>Mr. Clyde L. Robbins</b> 359 North Main Street	<b>1978</b>

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Superintendent's Office

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

David P. Bramhall

**OFFICES — 52 East Main Street**

**Telephones — 544-6763**

**544-3450**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

At a meeting of the Orange School Committee held on January 20, 1977, it was voted to adopt the Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the report of the school committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. SHAW, Chairperson  
 GAYLE A. PINKOWSKI, Vice-Chairperson  
 Leona K. Cloutier, Secretary  
 Rodney W. Bixby  
 Lloyd C. Green  
 Clyde L. Robbins

### ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1976

Grade	AGE												Totals
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
K	1	111	9										121
1		2	91	11									104
2			2	78	9								89
3				10	61	13							84
4					4	77	17	1					99
5						3	96	22	1				122
6							3	104	19	2			128
Special			3	5	6	1	5	3	2				25
Total	1	113	105	104	80	94	121	130	22	2	0	0	772

### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS DAY STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Franklin County Technical Regional School	11
Smith Vocational School	4
	<hr/> 15

### EVENING STUDENTS

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School	2
Worcester Vocational Technical School	1
Leominster Trade High School	1
	<hr/> 4

### EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS

Narragansett Regional School	2
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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Orange School Committee:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of the Orange Public Elementary Schools.

Bicentennial Year 1976 proved to be just as busy for the Orange School Committee as the previous year, with the Committee in session twenty-one times.

### STATE MANDATES

Early in the year the State Board of Education issued a ruling requiring public schools to offer a breakfast program in addition to the hot lunch program. The Orange School Committee joined the statewide hue and cry in opposition to this program and voted not to comply. The issue became a heated one throughout the Commonwealth and in November the State Board agreed to review its policy but on December 12, 1976 voted that, effective September 1, 1977, all public schools with 100 or more needy students must offer a breakfast program. This will apply to the Butterfield and Dexter Park Schools.

A new Open Meeting Law went in effect in January for all public agencies. Part of the new requirements include a vote by roll call before going into a closed session and such vote must state the reason for such action.

In February Governor Dukakis recommended a \$50 million reduction in state aid to education (Chapter 70). The Orange School Committee along with other school committees protested this action. As a result of this political action the Legislature restored those funds. However, it is clear that in order to put the State's finances in the black, expenditures cannot continue to exceed revenue. It seems evident that the percentage of aid Orange has received in the past for public school expenditures will be reduced in the future.

At the same time the State was announcing cut backs in aid, the State Department of Education was issuing a notice to school districts, such as Orange, that they must submit plans within the next two years to regionalize on a full Kindergarten through Grade Twelve pattern. As an incentive the Legislature has passed a special funding (Chapter 492) to increase percentage payments to such districts that regionalize K-12.

## PERSONNEL

In March, Mrs. Margaret Tandy, a third grade teacher, was stricken at school and died shortly afterwards in the hospital. Mrs. Marjorie Lucier retired from her position at Gale Brooks School in June. Mrs. Bessie Davis, a fourth grade teacher, also announced her retirement after teaching for fifty years. Such a remarkable career deserved special recognition. On April 22, 1976 the Orange School Committee secretly voted to name the Butterfield School Auditorium the "Bessie M. Davis Auditorium." An appropriate plaque was struck and she was presented with this honor at a surprise party in May.

Last year it was decided to delete the list of teaching personnel presently working for the system, in order to keep down the cost of printing the Town Report. We will continue this practice but such information is available to anyone who requests it.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Perhaps as a result of an uncertain economy, negotiations for a teacher contract began in November of 1975 and continued through last May. These protracted sessions were one of the reasons why the School Committee met so many times. In any event, the final agreement was for a two year period.

After a brief respite during the summer months, the Non-Teaching Personnel initiated with the Committee, negotiations for a new contract. These sessions began in early November and no agreement has yet been reached.

## OTHER ISSUES

In January and February, the Orange School Committee completed discussion of, and voted for, a completely new set of policies. This gives everyone concerned a clear, concise picture of how the school district should function.

At the request of a member of the School Committee it was decided to hire a crossing guard, to assist children who walk to the Dexter Park School, to cross the rather dangerous intersection of Dexter and North Main Streets. The Selectmen also voted to appoint this person as a "special police officer." Subsequently, through cooperation with Police Chief James Patrick, State approval was received for the installation of two flashing school zone signs north and south of this intersection. The actual bidding and installing questions were referred to the Town Highway Department in December.

The cooperation received by the Town Highway Department in terms of snow plowing, oiling, and such, has always been remarkably good. But special recognition is due this Department when it agreed to do the grading of the Butterfield School playground prior to paving. The work was of excellent quality and at a savings of over \$1,000 to the Town.

Energy Conservation continued to be a source of pride in 1976, although the early onset of winter this fall, may make a shambles of our budget estimate. During the past heating session we used 23.3% less fuel than 1974, so that even though the price of oil had doubled in this two year period, we actually spent \$106 less in Fiscal Year 1976. While electric bills also generally doubled in this same period, by reducing consumption the total cost for the schools went up by only 10%.

On December 2, 1976 the Orange School Committee, after much deliberation and input from many citizens, developed a budget for FY 1977 in the amount of \$887,422. This represented the smallest dollar (\$7,813) and percentage increases (0.7%) in recent memory.

An emergency situation developed on the weekend of December 4 and 5. Holley's Incorporated, the bus contractor for six of the seven elementary school bus routes, went bankrupt. The Swift River Bus Company, Inc. of New Salem, Mr. Gene French owner, was contacted. He agreed to provide the required transportation. The following Monday morning, despite our fears, not a single bus student was missed and the whole operation went very smoothly.

## CURRICULUM

In September a very low key, but effective, enrichment program was developed for approximately twenty-five students who are extremely intellectually gifted. This was effected without additional personnel.

We continued a second year of involvement in the development of a model program for early identification and intervention techniques with five year olds. In theory, the idea is to quickly identify such youngsters in the first few months of their educational career and to develop special strategies to help them overcome learning problems. If successful, we should be able to reduce the number of youngsters who would have had learning problems later.

No new curriculum programs were introduced during 1976 with the exception of a brief introduction of fifth and sixth grade students to a

“family life” program. Because of the sensitive nature of such materials/program, a public meeting was held in November at which time the film-strips were shown. It was very evident that the persons at the meeting felt such a program was needed and that the materials, on the whole, were very tastefully done.

Dr. Frank B. Sauter, School Physician became very ill in the late winter and spring of the year, but was still able to complete all physical examinations, except the fifth grade. In the fall, all examinations were completed except the third grade which will be done in the Spring of 1977. In his report to the Superintendent, Dr. Sauter did note that after two years of working with the new special education law (Chapter 766) that program now requires less demand on his time.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. BRAMHALL,  
Superintendent  
Orange Elementary Schools

ANNUAL REPORT  
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Year Ending December 31, 1977

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

		Term Expires
Phyllis Drew	Orange	1978
Clifford Fournier	Orange	1979
Richard Swan	Orange	1978
Clyde Robbins	Orange	1977
Frances Miller	Orange	1977
Lillian Dennis	Orange	1977
Robert Fisher	Orange	1979
Kenneth Kavahaugh	Erving	1977
Daniel Griffin	Erving	1977

Dennis Legare	Petersham	1977
Dana Kennan	Petersham	1978
Nona King	New Salem	1977
Mary Ellen Easterbrooks	Wendell	1977
Student School Committee Representatives		
Becky Hunting	Kathy Sullivan	
Cindy Aldrich	Kathy Fisher	

Kermit W. Cook, Superintendent of District

Duane A. Nyman, Treasurer

Kermit W. Cook, Secretary to Mahar School District Committee

June P. Venette, Secretary to Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer

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Monday through Friday	8:00 - 12:00 Noon
	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

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AT A MEETING OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 18, 1977, IT WAS VOTED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, AND ADOPT IT AS THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND VOTERS OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, I HEREWITH SUBMIT MY ANNUAL REPORT AS SUPERINTENDENT.

The report to the Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 1975-1976 fiscal year and the first half of the 1976-1977 fiscal year.

The Mahar School Committee during the past year has spent a great deal of time and effort in carrying out its responsibilities to provide a

quality secondary school program in Grades 7-12 for the students of the District. The Committee is faced with the need to provide adequate programs for the students who will go on to higher education, those who will need occupational training, and for students who need special education programs to develop their potential in today's society. Today, the schools must meet the needs of children who in the past would have left school at an early age. It is our stand that the Mahar School District must assume the responsibility of providing public education for all children.

To meet the above goals, the Mahar School Committee has conducted an in-depth study of the entire school operation through its two regular meetings per month and a large number of sub-committee meetings. Areas covered have been (1) the financial structure of the school, (2) local and state reimbursements, (3) a review of the school curriculum and a study of the personnel structure in both the professional staff and the non-teaching personnel. The Committee also encouraged the planning of in-service programs by the staff to develop a unified system of rules and school regulations.

## FINANCE

The Mahar School Committee has been faced with the problem of holding school costs within reasonable limits with the constant problem of inflation, rising costs of services and the meeting of personnel salary requirements. Last year the net budget increase was kept to a 2.2% increase. The 1977-1978 budget is presently under review, and it is the intent of the Committee to present a no-growth budget. However, increased costs of health insurance, operating building costs, and anticipated salary costs presently being negotiated will make it difficult to achieve this goal. A critical financial problem is the loss of state aid under Chapter 492 (Regional School Aid) which will seriously affect the 1977-1978 budget. Regional aid is predicted on a formula using the equalized valuations of all the regional towns. Increases in valuations, particularly in Erving, will cause a reduction of at least \$150,000 in estimated receipts to use to lower the budget. The Committee has again had a bill filed in the General Court to continue funding as provided by the Schlosstein amendment in effect for the past two years. The committee is also considering proposals which might allow Mahar towns to retain Grade 7 at the local schools, thus cutting costs and helping to alleviate overcrowding.

## CURRICULUM AND PERSONNEL

The Committee has made a study of the Program of Studies for the past year. The offering in all departments has been reviewed with the objective of achieving the best use of space and personnel. A policy has been instituted setting the minimum class size at 15 students, except in special education, unless approval is granted by the Committee. The elective courses offered in the high school are also under study with the faculty and administration.

The Committee has also voted to discontinue the Occupational Education program at New Salem due to lack of continued enrollment and the difficulty of running an adequate program there.

The Committee is presently reviewing administrative costs in the instructional field which includes the use of department coordinators and directors who have substantial duties and are allowed school time for these purposes.

The Committee has approved a revised teacher evaluation procedure to improve the process of teacher evaluation, an area of increasing importance in personnel management if we are to assist our staff in self-improvement and to retain on the payroll the best qualified teachers.

The Committee approved a one-year sabbatical leave for Allen Mexcur to take a doctoral program at the University of Maine. Olinto Paoletii was named acting coordinator of Social Studies in his place for the year.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Frederick Hellen as Director of Athletics after 19 years of service in that post and selected Joseph Spadafora as his replacement.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Committee and administration worked closely with the Mahar Building Committee in developing a \$1,000,000 school building addition plan. The plan, which called for additional classrooms, an occupational education facility, special needs space, an enlarged library, and a gym station, was approved by the Department of Education for state funding. The proposal was voted unanimously by the Mahar Committee but failed to get town meeting approval. This action again jeopardized the future accreditation of the school by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. At the present time, alternative plans to reduce enrollment or to revise the agreement are being considered as ways to solve the space problem.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

In order to keep the citizens of the District fully informed on the services required to operate the Special Needs program at Mahar, I am enclosing again this year the full report of the Administrator of the program, Miss Jane Laughton. The report follows:

The Special Education Department at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School has continued to provide adequate services to students diagnosed under the regulations of Public Law Chapter 766 as children in need of special education services.

The Special Needs Department consists of a full time Special Education Administrator-Coordinator designed to administer the regulations of Chapter 766 and to coordinate the various services being offered within the Special Needs Department, five full time special educators, five full time trained special education teacher aides and one part time Speech Therapist.

As of September, 1976, — 100 students were receiving special services on a daily basis in five programs established by the Mahar School to comply with Chapter 766. The programs are in the areas of:

- Behavioral Disorders (mild-moderate)
- Developmental Delay
- Educational Adjustment
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Communication Disorders

All students within these programs are mainstreamed in the areas of art, music, physical education, home economics and industrial arts. Many students are also integrated into regular classes in one or more major subject areas.

As of September, 1976 - 18 students were receiving special services in programs provided at various locations outside the physical facility of the Mahar Regional School. Students requiring such programs are serviced through our membership in the CAPS Collaborative, Inc. located in Gardner, Ma., the Fitchburg-Leominster Rehabilitation Center, the Beech Hill Work Center, or through other placements at private day programs recommended by a Core Evaluation Team. Certain students are placed in selected Residential Treatment Centers as determined by a Core Evaluation Team. Other students are given individual instruction on a tutorial basis within a home or hospital setting as determined by a physician.

An on-going system has been established to monitor each student's program and evaluate student progress on a quarterly basis with a formal review completed at the end of a ten month period from the date of initial diagnosis.

Several special needs courses, at the graduate level, were offered at Mahar during the Spring of 1976 through Fitchburg State College and Keene State College. Twelve teachers took advantage of this service in order to improve their professional status.

The special education program still faces a critical shortage of space. In a recent audit by the Department of Education, a one-year waiver of the use of the corrective exercise room in the gymnasium was issued. Alternate space will have to be found for next year.

Further details on the school program will be found in the School Report which follows.

## RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL ORANGE, MASSACHUSETTS

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL January 1, - December 31, 1976

The year of 1976 can be described as a year of few outstanding accomplishments if considering the overall school operation. However, in several areas notable achievement and progress were evident. Briefly, I shall describe the basic problems which have a most profound effect on the satisfactory operation of our school. Following that several topics of school interest will be presented.

- I. Problems and Basic Priorities.
  - II. Achievement of our School Objectives — Described in the 1975 Report.
  - III. Improvements and Modifications in the Academic Program.
  - IV. Program of Studies.
  - V. Staff Improvement.
  - VI. Graduation 1976.
  - VII. Student Activities
- I. Problems and Basic Priorities.

*The Foremost problem* still preventing the school from functioning in a

completely satisfactory manner is the need for space, both special and regular. The most practical and beneficial special space which could be acquired would be a *Physical Education Facility* which would provide much relief in our study halls<sup>1</sup> particularly for students in grade 7 and 8. Additional gymnasium space would make it possible to schedule a great majority of our Junior High school students into a physical education class whenever they are assigned to a study hall. Also, the number of periods of Physical Education recommended by the Department of Education<sup>2</sup> would be more adequately fulfilled and would include at least one period a week in Health Education which is non-existent at the present time. Students in grades 9-12 would also experience the benefits of being involved in additional periods of Physical Education which would likewise include one period of Health Education. It could then be said that all of our Junior High School students and most of our Senior High school students would be provided, to the degree advisable, with a constructive experience each period of the day.

The second most practical and beneficial special space which could be acquired would be an *Education Media Center* or several educational resource center study halls with a capacity for accommodating 150 to 200 students during any given period. This space would be applicable to all grades (7-12). There would be specific study areas for Junior High students which would fulfill the requirement of a formal study hall experience and there would be general, Library-Instructional Material areas for Senior High students which would provide an appropriate study hall option.

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<sup>1</sup>The basic cause of our study hall problems is the lack of suitable space for students to study. Even more basic is the fact that there is insufficient class room space or special room space for assigning and scheduling students into additional subjects, co-curricular activities or resource centers.

<sup>2</sup>The State Department of Education recommends the following Physical Education minimums:

Grades 7 and 8 — 3 periods per week.

Grades 9-12 — 3 periods per week, one of which may be in Health Education. The state law - Chapter 71 - Section 3 - "Physical Education shall be carried on daily for all pupils in the public schools and may include calisthenics, gymnastics and military drill;..."

A *second problem* appears in the area of curriculum. A constant effort is being made by the Faculty and Administration to maintain a program of studies which is relevant to the needs of all of our students. Changes and modifications are effected each year in hopes that a new subject or a new unit of study will be a practical learning experience as well as a motivating experience for an increasing number of students. However, the percentage of students who are being properly accommodated is not as high as the goal which has been set. In addition, there are many students who should be enrolled in an Occupational-Technical Program if they are to receive the most practical education in skill development along with the necessary related courses. Space limitations make it impossible to adjust our program to the real needs of these students.

A *third problem* which also cannot be resolved, because of insufficient space, is the *accreditation status* of the school. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges has extended our accreditation until June 1977. This extension was granted with the understanding that the approval of a building program was still possible at the time the decision on short term accreditation was made in the Spring of 1976. For the purpose of clarification the significance of non-accreditation should be briefly stated. Public secondary schools are evaluated and accredited on the bases of the school's: Philosophy and Objectives, Program of Studies, Guidance Services, Educational Media Services, Library and Audio Visual Program, School Staff, Records, Administration, Plant and Equipment, School and Community Relations, Financial Support and School Atmosphere.

A school may be granted initial or continued membership for a period from one to ten years. Membership may be abbreviated or extended on the basis of subsequent reports which are required by the Commission on Public Schools. A school may be placed on a probationary status indicating concern that it is not meeting the standards of membership. Schools on probationary status remain members in the association while continuing to resolve the problems identified by the Commission. However, there are time limitations which must be considered particularly when, after an extended period of time, no productive effort is in progress.

Failure to be accredited indicates, above all, that the local educational authority is not providing an equitable program for the students in the school district. In short, the educational program is not sufficiently competitive with other schools in fulfilling the needs of the students. Failure of a school to be accredited also is related somewhat to the college admissions procedure. The majority of colleges consider high school

accreditation an important factor. It would be incorrect to say that non-accreditation has a direct effect on all college admissions. However, it can be stated that non-accreditation of a school becomes a critical factor in student admissions policy in borderline cases of student achievement and in out-of-state cases where the school may not be well known to the college.

## II. *Achievement of the Objectives Stated in the 1975 Annual Report.*

### A. The Development of an Acceptable, Functional Disciplinary System.

Progress has been made in this area through the combined efforts of the staff and students. Our staff has agreed to and, to date, supported the philosophy that discipline in any school is everyone's responsibility at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. Our students have indicated, particularly since the beginning of school in September, that they have a reasonably strong appreciation for personal responsibility and the value of peer group influence in maintaining the proper decorum.

### B. The Development of a Reading Program for all students in Grades 7 and 8.

The Reading program in grades 7 and 8 for those students whose reading test results indicate the need for remedial assistance is being carried out in a very satisfactory manner. For those students in grade 7, who are in middle and low level sections and who are in need of developmental instruction, the English Department is providing a good program in formal reading instruction. This program will be expanded to accommodate grade 8 students in September 1977.

A reading program for students in grades 9-12 does not exist, in a formal state, although there is certainly a need. Very little can be done at this level without an appropriate reading facility which would be included in a new building addition.

### C. The Development of a Plan for Instruction in Moral Values and Implementation of a Social Code.

It is extremely important for the school to accept the responsibility of promoting instruction in moral values. When it is only the school which is trying to emphasize moral values for all students and not the other appropriate institutions of society, people, both students and parents, are reluctant to accept the authority of the school because they are not sure that the school is taking an acceptable position. This is especially true when the values come into direct conflict with the views

and opinions of a large segment of our present day society. On numerous occasions teachers do not feel comfortable in trying to advocate a value, attitude or judgement which is not at all in keeping with the views of a majority of the people. Nevertheless the Faculty is trying to assume this responsibility whenever the opportunity presents itself.

At the beginning of school in September our newly established *Social Code* was introduced and, to date, has received sufficient support from Staff and students to make it appear productive and worthwhile. It should be noted that the social code was published in the form of a *Student Hand Book* and distributed to all students.

#### D. The Development of a Satisfactory Public Image which is Credible and to Improve Relations with Parents.

Our Staff members have tried hard to establish a satisfactory, if not impressive, image in their relations with parents. It is the philosophy and intent of the school to guarantee any parent or person, who has come to or communicated with the school concerning a problem or a request, a feeling of satisfaction with the response or the outcome.

There remains the need for more adequate public relations, in a formal setting, established for the primary purpose of interpreting all aspects of the school program in an understandable and acceptable manner.

#### E. The Enthusiastic Support of Any Effort to Develop an Acceptable Building Expansion Plan.

A majority of the staff have given enthusiastic support to the past proposals for a building plan. Staff members responded in an honest and straightforward manner in preparing public information programs which were designed to interpret building needs and proposals to the public. It is safe to assume that the same support will be forthcoming whenever future attempts for a building addition are undertaken.

### III. *Improvements and Modifications in the Academic Program.*

#### A. Performance Objectives and Guarantees.

The system of developing performance objectives for each subject in our program of studies and working toward the maximum achievement of them has been continued with very satisfactory results. The aim, henceforth, will be to further refine all of our objectives so that they are realistic and applicable to the needs of the students. Below is an outline

of the plan of teaching to objectives:

1. Performance Objectives.
  - a. An objective (goal is designed to describe what it is we want our students to learn in:
    1. Each grade or level of education or training.
    2. Each department.
    3. Each subject, experience, activity or unit of study.
2. Performance Guarantees.
  - a. At each level, performance guarantees are established and learning activities designed to achieve these guarantees.

The ultimate goal will be the guarantee that a student graduating from our regular educational program will possess the basic skills necessary for fundamental existence in today's society and economic system.

#### B. Individualized Instruction.

The philosophy that every student should be considered as an individual continues to be an acceptable philosophy. It is recognized that a student's ability to achieve can vary with each subject and that a key factor to learning is time or pace. Knowing the ability potential and the previous record of achievement, each student should be placed in a learning situation where he can work to his or her full potential. Whenever a marked change takes place in any student's accomplishment, adjustments should be forthcoming immediately. However, it should be understood that with a large group of students it is extremely difficult for each individual to function at a learning rate which is different from every other student's rate and still receive the required attention and assistance from a teacher. Consequently, it becomes necessary to organize a class into groups the members of which are progressing at nearly the same rate. In addition it appears to be a safe assumption that in grades 7 and 8 a student's proficiency level in English and Reading will probably be similar in all Reading - Comprehension centered subjects. Likewise a student's proficiency in Math will probably be evident to a similar degree in Science and basic technology subjects. Industrial Arts, Home Economics and skill development subjects may yet be considered in a third learning ability category. Therefore, in grades 7 and 8 students will be assigned to different level classes in English and Social Science subjects and in Mathematics and Science subjects whenever there is sufficient evidence to support this procedure. There will obviously be some students who will be at the top in learning proficiency in all subjects and, conversely, some who will be at a lower level in all subjects.

### C. Elective System of Subject Selection.

After a thorough evaluation of the elective system it has become quite apparent that some modifications should be made. It was discovered that many students were selecting only those subjects which required a minimum amount of effort. These students were not living up to their potential and an undesirable attitude was being created. This was evident in all areas, but particularly in English and Social Sciences. It is in these subject fields where there is also a current application of the *back to basics* trend if our objectives and guarantees are to be attained.

In the English Department all semester elective courses for grades 9 and 10 have been replaced with full year-long subjects which include the basic areas of English instruction: Grammar, Literature, Composition, Vocabulary and Spelling. This change will become effective for grade 11, but to a more limited extent, in September of 1978.

In the Social Science Department Civics will once again become a full year course starting in September 1977, and graduation requirements for Social Studies will be increased to 10 credits.

Requirements in the other academic departments are also being studied and will be modified during the coming year.

Therefore, it is not intended that the elective system should be eliminated because there are college preparatory students in the upper two grades who can profit by this plan. Changes will be effected which will cause the elective system to function to our advantage and not to our disadvantage.

### IV. *Program of Studies.*

Our program of studies or curriculum, as it is frequently called, is broad, experiential and practical in design and intent and, in most cases, it does meet the educational needs of our students. In those departments and in those subjects where this is not true, changes have been and will continue to be made. It is a constant hope that every student will be able to say that the individual program being followed is both worthwhile, from a practical and application point of view, and at the same a pleasant experience each time a class is attended. Although this philosophy is somewhat idealistic it does not alter the fact that we should strive constantly to see how close we can come to a level of reasonable attainment of it.

The program of studies in each department is established after

extensive deliberations by teachers, annual student opinion polls, contributions from members of the school committee and, whenever possible, parents. In addition, opinions and suggestions from business and industrial people in the area are always most welcome. After adequate consideration of all the aspects involved in instituting a new subject, the aims and objectives are prepared, and the activities and experiences necessary for effectuation established. Then the subject is presented, as a part of the new curriculum for the next year to the curriculum sub-committee of the Mahar School Committee for its approval.

During the course of the school year there are frequent discussions held in the various departments concerning the status of the subject in the program of studies, particularly the new ones. The Student Services Department counselors in the process of counseling students in the selection of subjects and on their status in their classes gather valuable information which is shared with the various coordinators and teachers in the different departments.

Innovation educational programs and practices are brought to the attention of appropriate personnel by Department Chairpersons (Coordinators) as well as by any interested department member who, having been exposed to a new subject or method, is interested in relating it to our curriculum. However, the philosophy of "innovation solely for the sake of innovation" is not the school philosophy. Adoption of a new topic or method is predicated upon need and productivity to a measurable degree. If it cannot stand up under such scrutiny, then it is considered inappropriate and not applicable to our program.

The process of subject selection for the next school year usually begins during January. Each student in the school is personally counseled by his Student Services Department counselor at which time the following items are considered:

1. Review of the educational program to date.
2. Present academic status.
  - a. Grades.
  - b. Pre-Requisite subjects.
  - c. Fulfillment of academic requirements.
3. Long range educational plan — established in grade 9 or 10.
4. Discussion of future aims and plans.
  - a. Occupational.
  - b. Technical.
  - c. Professional.
5. Suggested subjects and explanation by counselor.
6. Discussion of selected subjects with appropriate teachers.
7. Review and approval of subject selections by parents.

a. Refer to *Course Description Booklet* — 1977-78.

8. Continue to develop and refine the long range educational plan.

Parents are urged to contact the student Services Department immediately if they have any questions concerning the educational program.

#### V. *Staff Improvement Efforts.*

A. Development of teacher expertise in handling special education students who have been mainstreamed.

Considerable time has been devoted to the development of this expertise among our teachers. Instructional work shop courses at the graduate level were conducted at the school in the Spring and Summer of 1976 in cooperation with Fitchburg State College. The result is that to a far greater extent our teachers feel confident in their ability to cope with the more difficult behavioral problems which they face. The end result is that we are able to effectuate the requirements of Chapter 766 in a very satisfactory manner.

B. Evaluation of Personnel.

During the Spring of 1976 a special committee known as the *Teacher Evaluation Sub-Committee* developed an evaluation procedure and instrument which should improve the quality of teaching, develop more consistency amongst faculty members, and provide a more equitable evaluation instrument which hopefully will develop a strong feeling of faith and confidence in our interpersonal relationships.

C. Workshops for the Staff.

In an effort to establish a higher level of relationship between the staff and students, the staff and the administration and among staff members themselves, a series of three workshops were planned and organized during the 2nd half of the past school year by a special faculty Steering Committee. It appears that the results of these workshop sessions has contributed in a significant manner to the improved operation of our school since the start of school in September, 1976. Definite success in improving the relationships mentioned above has been in evidence. I wish to commend the efforts of the chairperson and members of the workshops Steering Committee. The basic thrust of the workshops was the actual promulgation of an applicable and workable *Social Code*. I would like to outline briefly the aims and purposes of this code already referred to in Section III-C of this report.

## SOCIAL CODE

### *Statement of Aim and Purpose.*

A. When a large number of people must use the same building and take part in similar activities, the behavior and attitudes of each person has an effect on everyone else. However, each person in our school is entitled to the following:

1. Respectful and kind treatment. This means that each student and staff member may expect other students and staff members to treat him with respect.
2. The opportunity to accomplish the goals they have set for themselves. This means that each student may expect that his fellow students will not interrupt his or her classes, study periods, and special activities, and that each student has the responsibility not to interrupt another person's activities.
3. The proper use of facilities, equipment and supplies which the school provides for them. This means that each student may expect that other students will not abuse or destroy property, equipment or supplies; and that each student and staff member has a responsibility to care for and use properly all equipment and supplies.

B. To ensure that these three basic rights are available to all, the following will not be allowed:

1. Lateness to class, study, or homeroom.
2. Leaving class without a pass or wandering in corridors.
3. Vulgarity, profanity, and excessive displays of affection.
4. Fighting.
5. Smoking in unauthorized areas.
6. Theft and vandalism, defacing school property, destruction of personal property.
7. Cutting class, homeroom, or study hall.
8. Failure to report for teacher detention.

9. Disruption of class, study halls, cafeteria, corridors, assemblies, and other phases of the school program.

10. Harrassment of staff or fellow students.

VI. *Graduation — Class of 1976.*

Number of students in the class — 143.

CLASS LIST

Janet Lee Abrahamson	John Doane
Ethan Elmore Adams	Mark Dubay
Anthony Primo Aguda	Deane Robert DuCharme
Georgetta Marie Albee	Joan Duplessie
Kristen Claire Anderson	Elizabeth Ann Durna
Michelle Andrews	Robert Muhn Ellison, Jr.
Debbir Jean (Bailey) Nutter	Rick Engdahl
Joey Baldic	Michael Verne Fellows
Luanne Ila Ballou	John Fleury
Larry Barnes	James Frye
Lynn Ann Barnes	Karen Marie Gamache
Alfred Miles Berry	Nancy Marie Gelinas
Kenneth Michael Bezio	David Michael Gloski
Brenda Joy Bishop	Eileen Elizabeth Gordon
Wilfred Bolduc	Robert Goudie, Jr.
Robert Boudreau	Michael Joseph Gralenski
William Roger Brooks	John Anthony Greco
Kim Margaret Buckley	Harold Frederick Green
Mary Ann Bunker	Judith Gullage
Regina Louise Buzzee	Carroll William Guyer, Jr.
Cheryl Canney	Debra Jane Harlow
Bruce Carr	Margaret Gertrude Hastings
Scott Thomas Chase	Rebecca May Hatch
Deborah Ann Chenausky	Rebecca Jane Hubbard
Ronnie Cherichetti	Margaret Hyde Hume
Patricia Ann Chiasson	William Elliott Jenks
Kelly Lee Cleveland	Margaret Dorothy Jeronczyk
Stepehn Cordery	Owen Patrick Kelley
Gordon Edward Craig	Darlene Jean Kennedy
Katherine Mary Deegan	Ronald James Kessler
Scott DeJackome	Carole Ann Keyes
Mark George Dery	John Robert Kingsbury
Paul Diemand	Frank David Kolasinski, Jr.
Kathleen Elizabeth Dill	Anita Kovacevic

Diane Kowacki  
 Kelley Lee Lanpher  
 Julie Irene Lapinskas  
 Leona Mae LaPointe  
 Debora Ann LeClaire  
 William Gregory Linton  
 Katherine Lyesiuk  
 Steven MacDonald  
 Daryl Craig MacLean  
 David Clyde MacLean  
 Kathleen Mallet  
 Timothy Martinelli  
 Melinda Mayhew  
 Kevin John McIntosh  
 Cheryl Ruth Meattey  
 Katherine Bradner Mock  
 Thomas Mooney  
 Joseph Edward Morin  
 Donna Marie Myers  
 Lu-Ann Marie Newcomb  
 Charlene Noel  
 John O'Grady  
 Kathy Ann O'Kane  
 Mary Elizabeth O'Loughlin  
 Janet Elaine Olson  
 Michael Roland O'Mara  
 Anthony Joseph Paoletti  
 Gregory Daniel Parker  
 Joy Darlene Parsons  
 Ann Marie Pedrazzi  
 Gerald Robert Peters  
 Teresa Phillips  
 Daron Susan Piazza  
 Robert Arthur Pilbro  
 Mary Elizabeth Plante  
 Timothy Stephen Pond  
 Robert John Powers  
 Mark Allen Preece

Jeffrey Francis Puppel  
 Gordon Firth Quigley  
 Sylvia Marie Rice  
 Kevin John Rich  
 Cynthia Ann Richards  
 Susan Elaine Robinson  
 Pamela Beth Rose  
 Tina Marie Sabine  
 Leanne Sanborn  
 Kathy Ann Schiappa  
 Gregg Leo Servheen  
 Carolyn Anne Sexton  
 Brien Silva  
 John Webb Smith III  
 Steven Jeffery Sogard  
 Chris George Stafford  
 Karen Lee Stowell  
 Eugene Michael Strunjo  
 Michael Sullivan  
 Kurt Svetka  
 Susan Margaret Taft  
 Mark Vincent Talbot  
 Diana Lynn Taylor  
 Lauren Joan Taylor  
 Diane Marie Tenney  
 Denise Ann Thayer  
 Deborah Jane Thompson  
 James Bervyl Vescovi  
 Wesley Warner  
 Charles Todd Watkins  
 Diane Lynn Webster  
 John Welcome  
 Danny Merrill Wesson  
 Michael Timothy Wheeler  
 Robert Wrigley  
 Mary Ann Yuoconis  
 Lynnette Sue Zeman

## VII. *Student Affairs*

### A. *Interscholastic Athletics*

Won and Lost Records of girls and boys teams as members of leagues in a varsity athletic activities:

	Won	Lost	Tied
1. Basketball			
Girls — Franklin County Girls' Athletic League	6	8	
Boys — Hampshire Basketball League	6	14	
2. Baseball			
Boys — Hampshire Baseball League	16	6	
The Baseball Team participated in the Western Massachusetts Baseball Tournament			
3. Softball			
Girls — Franklin County Girls' Athletic League	8	6	
4. Track			
Boys — Inter-County Track League	7	4	
The Track Team won 6th place in the Western Massachusetts Track Meet with 19 teams competing.			
5. Golf			
Boys and Girls — Hampshire Golf League			
6. Football			
Boys — Inter-County Football League	10	1	
Refer to Athletic Highlights			
7. Field Hockey			
Girls — Franklin County Girls' Athletic League	11	4	2
The Field Hockey Team competed in the Semi-Finals of the Western Massachusetts Tournament.			
8. Soccer			
Boys — Hampshire Soccer League	0	11	
9. Volleyball			
Girls — Franklin County Girls Athletic League	4	8	

The highlight of the Mahar Interscholastic Athletic Program was the outstanding success of the football team in completing the 1976 season with a 10 and 1 record, finishing second in the Inter-county Football League and then winning the Western-Central Massachusetts Division III Championship Play-Off in the post season Super Bowl Game at Springfield College against a strong Grafton High School team.

## B. *Music Program*

As usual the Mahar Regional School Music Department was very well represented Massachusetts Music Educators Activities.

### 1. Western District Chorus and Band.

Eighteen Mahar students were accepted into the Western District Chorus and five students were accepted into the Western District Band.

### 2. All-State Chorus

From the above students seven were selected to audition for All-State Chorus and four basses were selected to participate in the All-State Festival at Plymouth.

### 3. Quabbin Valley Festival

Mahar Regional School was selected as the host school for the Quabbin Valley Festival. Twenty schools were represented in a concert with a total of 425 students. Mahar had the largest group with 132 students participating in the four groups:

- a. Symphonic Band (9-12)
- b. Concert Band (7&8)
- c. Concert Choir (10-12)
- d. Chorus (7-9)

4. The support of the "Mahar Rajas" in the numerous music activities throughout the year is acknowledged with sincere thanks and appreciation.

## C. *Science Fairs — Regional and State*

In keeping with our reputation in Science and in Science Fair activities Mahar students experienced notable success in Science Fair competition this year.

### 1. Western Massachusetts — Region I — Science Fair — University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Thirty-one Mahar students in grades 7-12 participated in the regional Science Fair and 25 received awards:

1st Place	— 4	Honorable	
2nd Place	— 7	Mention	— 8
3rd Place	— 6		—
			25

2. Massachusetts State Science Fair — Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

Mahar students in grades 9-12 competed in the State Science Fair. Again five of our students received awards: Two, Second Place winners and three, Third Place winners.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks to the Mahar Regional School Committee and to my co-workers who have provided dedicated service and cooperation to the school during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

KERMIT W. COOK  
Superintendent and Secretary  
Ralph C. Mahar Regional  
School District

# RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT 1976

## RECEIPTS:

Balance January 1, 1976

Budget Assessments — Orange  
 Budget Assessments — Erving  
 Budget Assessments — Petersham  
 Budget Assessments — New Salem  
 Budget Assessments — Wendell  
 Commonwealth of Mass. Sch. Lunch  
 Commonwealth of Mass. Construction  
 Commonwealth of Mass Title II  
 Commonwealth of Mass Title III  
 Commonwealth of Mass Title IVB  
 Commonwealth of Mass Title V  
 Commonwealth of Mass Transportation  
 Commonwealth of Mass. Occupational Ed.  
 Commonwealth of Mass — Regional Sch. Aid  
 Commonwealth of Mass. Special Needs  
 Note Proceeds  
 Cafeteria Receipts  
 Athletic Receipts  
 Wood and Metal Shop Receipts  
 Music Receipts  
 Lost & Damaged books, Locks, Etc.  
 Phone & Other Commissions

## EXPENDITURES:

Operational:

Administration  
 Instruction  
 Operation of Plant  
 Other School Services  
 Fixed Charges  
 Acq. Fixed Assets  
 Programs Other Districts

\$ 4125.42  
 1163278.97  
 162079.67  
 286858.68  
 90681.65  
 21204.32  
 67241.67  
 \$1832590.38

Revolving Accounts:

\$ 107703.26  
 401.17  
 5735.89  
 1442.30  
 261.00  
 23.60  
 64.22  
 108.40  
 \$ 115739.84

Use of Facilities	50.00	Debt Service:	
Adult Education	615.00	Short Term Notes	\$ 175000.00
Vandalism	799.58	Principal on Debt	167018.00
Reimbursement Utilities New Salem Bldg.	850.00	Interest on Debt	<u>8671.25</u>
Miscellaneous	171.83		
Retired & Employee Insurance Premiums	995.81		
Other Transportation Receipts	\$ 2619.43	Special Accounts:	\$ 350689.25
Withholding Tax Federal	167730.24		
Withholding Tax State	56156.70	School Planning — Bldg. Addition	\$ 4550.00
Withholding Retirements	60596.11	Professional Negotiator Services	6000.00
Withholding Group Insurance	15297.00	Repairs to Gym Folding Door	<u>4153.19</u>
Withholding Annuity Program	7623.84		
Withholding Teachers' Dues	9516.51		
Withholding Teachers' Savings	15090.00	Interim Savings (Deposits)	\$ 14703.19
		Withholding Tax Federal	\$1725000.00
Interim Savings — Withdrawals	1341709.00	Withholding Tax State	\$ 167730.24
		Teacher Retirement Deduction	60389.59
		County Retirement Deduction	48772.38
		Group Insurance Deduction	11823.73
		Annuities Deduction	15921.18
		Teachers' Dues	7623.72
		Teachers' Savings Deduction	<u>9516.51</u>
			15090.00
			\$ 336867.35
			\$4375590.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCE	\$4379036.80	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	

Total Balance and Receipts for 1976  
 Less Expenditures for 1976

\$4379036.80  
 4375590.01

\$ 3446.79

*Details of Balance:*

Franklin County Trust Company  
 Less Outstanding Checks

\$ 48450.90  
 45004.11

\$ 3446.79

*Details of Interim Savings:*

Balance 12-31-75  
 Interest Earned 1976  
 Balance of Deposit over Withdrawals for Year

\$ 172029.65  
 21810.70  
 383291.00

Balance in Orange Savings Bank 12-31-76

\$ 577131.35

*Total Cash on Hand 12-31-76*

Franklin County Trust  
 Orange Savings Bank

\$ 3446.79  
 577131.35

\$ 580578.14

DUANE A. NYMAN  
 Treasurer



Estimated Income:		Income Received to Date	(Balance due on 1975-76 Budget)
Chapter 492 Reg. Aid	\$	\$ 10763	
Chapter 492 Reg. Aid	256267	247920	
Transportation	100000		
Special Ed.	30000	30513	
Vocational Ed.	35000		
Miscellaneous		714	
Surplus Revenue	\$ 421267	\$289910	
	40000		
*NET BUDGET	\$1589665		

RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Request for 1977-78

OPERATIONAL BUDGET Ed.	Regular Budget	Special Needs	Occupational Ed.
Administration	\$ 49,106	\$ 0	
Instruction	1,144,998	125,551	
Other School Services	267,666	26,600	
Operation & Maintenance	161,916	915	
Fixed Charges	123,600	0	
Acq. Fixed Assets	18,785	100	
Programs Other Districts	0	65,000	
DEBT SERVICE			
Payment on Principal	50,000	0	
Interest	<u>950</u>	<u>          </u>	
GROSS BUDGET	\$1,817,021	\$218,166	
ESTIMATED INCOME			
Commonwealth of Mass.:			
Transportation	\$ 140,000	\$	\$
Special Education		75,000.00	
Chapter 492 Regional Aid	85,000		
Vocational Education			40,000
Surplus Revenue	<u>160,000</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
NET BUDGET	\$1,432,021	\$143,166	

GRAND TOTALS — 1977-78 BUDGET

Gross Budget	\$2,035,187
Estimated Income	<u>500,000</u>
	\$1,535,187

# RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1977-78

Town	Enrollment 10-1-1976	Percent	Assessment
Erving	126	11.403%	\$ 175,057.38
New Salem	62	5.611%	86,139.34
Orange	751	67.964%	1,043,374.50
Petersham	119	10.769%	165,324.28
Wendell	<u>47</u>	<u>4.253%</u>	<u>65,291.50</u>
	1105	100.000%	\$1,535,187.00

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